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SCHNEIDER TROPHY

TO-MORROW'S GREAT AIR RACE

WILL BRITAIN WIN?

Gloster-Napier Monoplane May Withdraw

NAMES OF ENTRANTS

To-morrow the famous Schneider Trophy seaplane race will be flown at Southampton Water, and, in spite of American boasts of a magnificent racing plane they have produced, Great Britain is supremely confident of retaining the Trophy. Four new machines have been specially built for the Air Ministry for this race, two of them being Gloster-Napier 6 monoplanes, and two of them Super-Marine Rolls-Royce 5-6 machines. Three of these will represent Britain in the race, and the team which is to fly them has been in strict training at Calshot for some months, carrying out practices on Gloster-Napier biplanes and the Super-Marine Napier S-6, which won the race for Britain two years ago.

The rumour that the Gloster-Napier monoplane may not take part in the race is disappointing, since she was Britain's hope, and a speed of 400 miles an hour was predicted for her by Squadron-Leader Orlebar, who is in command of the High Speed Flight.

FEVERISH EXCITEMENT

Feverish excitement is being felt on the eve of the Schneider Cup race. Accommodation at Cowes and other points of vantage on the Solent are taxed to their utmost. A million spectators are expected to see the race, which will not include Mr. F. H. Royce, the designer of the Rolls Royce supermarine S6, which was Great Britain's hope, as it was stated to-night that the Gloster-Napier monoplane is unlikely to race. Mr. Royce is in bed at his home at Wittering, Sussex, suffering from the strain of overwork in connection with the contest. The machines participating in the race must be ready to-night for the navigability trials to-morrow, after which no alterations or improvements will be allowed.

Italian Plane's Mishap
The Italian team's famous Macchi 52 plane, in which Major Bernharti achieved the World's speed record, was nearly sunk to-day in alighting after a first test on the Solent. This was the third thrill within two days, as the S6 and the Macchi 57 yesterday both just escaped collisions with vessels.

The Teams
London, Later.
The following teams have been chosen for the Schneider Cup race—Great Britain: Flying-Officers Waghorn, Atcherley, Flight-Lieutenant D'Arcy Greig, and Re-

RAID ON PAPER

ARTICLES SEIZED BY THE POLICE

REASON NOT DISCLOSED

During the past 24 hours, men of the Criminal Investigation Department under Chief Detective-Inspector Reynolds and Sub-Inspector Carey, carried out a raid on the premises of a local Chinese newspaper called the "Hong Kong Shiu Yat Po" with offices at No. 53, Wyndham-street.

The name given above is the Cantonese rendering, the actual name appearing on the name board outside No. 53, Wyndham-street is painted in the Northern dialect, with English letters, as "Hong Kong Shao Jih Pao."

The reason for the raid has not been disclosed by Police officials who were approached this morning, but that the raid had been fruitful was apparent by the fact that certain articles had been seized and removed to Police Headquarters.

These included three drawers which had obviously been taken from a cabinet file, two rattan baskets, and a medium sized black Chinese box. The drawers, baskets and boxes, which evidently contained documents, were this morning removed to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, apparently for translation.

The "Shiu Yat Po" has been in existence in Hong Kong for a short period only with a limited circulation. Judging by its Northern name it is apparently financed from Shanghai.

serve Flight-Lieutenant Stainforth, Italy: Warrant Officer Dalmolin, Lieutenants Cadrigher, and Monti; Reserves: Sergeant Major Agello and Captain Caraveri.

Gloster May Participate
An eleven hour surprise was caused when the Gloster Napier machine was brought out this evening. Her evolutions for 20 minutes amazed the onlookers. It has not yet been decided whether she will participate in the race.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC CASES

BUS DRIVERS' REASONS FOR SPEEDING

MR. BRAYFIELD'S COMPLAINT

The driver of lorry 2513 was fined \$5 by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at Kowloon Police Court this morning, for failing to have sufficiently lighted head lights.

For leaving his car unattended for half an hour the driver of car 1509 was fined \$4.

A fine of \$20 was imposed on the driver of motor lorry 2383 for not giving due warning when turning into Nathan Road from Shantung Street.

A complaint had been received from Mr. Brayfield to this effect, as his car would have been involved in a serious collision had it not been for his sudden swerving.

Failing to produce his licence, when called upon to do so the driver of bus 687, of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd., was fined \$5.

Mr. H. Shim, owner of private car 896, was fined \$5 for parking his vehicle on the wrong side of Peking Road outside the Star Theatre, during the nine o'clock performance.

The driver of Kowloon Motor Bus Co.'s vehicle 652, a 36-seater was fined \$20 for speeding at the rate of 23 m.p.h., between Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road on the night of August 16. Defendant stated that he has been a bus driver for 12 years and that it was the first time that he appeared in Court for speeding. He also added that he had to keep to the schedule, and that he would have been reported by an inspector of the Company if he was seen passing another bus of the Company.

THEFT OF FAN

A MYSTERIOUS "BLACK BOY" MENTIONED

A Chinese appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith on two charges, namely, larceny of an electric fan from 118, Reclamation Street and alternatively, with receiving the fan.

Detective C.563 stated that he went to the accused's house at 87, Reclamation Street yesterday, and found hidden between the wood and back of a glass mirror, 18 pawn tickets, one of these corresponding with the fan which was stolen on July 27; he said that a "black boy" (not necessarily an Indian) had showed him where he stole the fan. After further enquiries it was recovered.

His Worship pointed out that it was queer that the accused should have known where the fan was. However, he withdrew the charge of theft, and convicted him of the charge of unlawful receiving, fining him \$20 or, in default, three weeks' jail with hard labour.

The fan was pawned for \$20.

CANTON ARMY

APPLICATION FOR MORE SALARY

PETITION TO CHIANG

Canton, Yesterday.
Now that the Kwangtung Army is under the direct control of the Central Government, the Commander-in-Chief, General Chan Chai-tong, has petitioned the Marshal Chiang Kai-shek that for the month of September and thereafter, the Army should receive more money, that is, 25 per cent above the local currency.

It is not known whether any reply has yet been received, but inasmuch the request is reasonable, no doubt is entertained by the military officers that the Central Government will comply with it.

Commanders to Depart for Nanking

It will be remembered that according to the Disbandment Conference held last month in Nanking, the military strength of Kwangtung is fixed at five divisions, and that on September 1 the commanders of these divisions were formally sworn to office. Following military procedure, the new commanders will depart for Nanking to report to Chairman Chiang Kai-shek.

According to military circles, the Commander-in-Chief Chan Chai-tong has drawn up a list of the divisional, brigade and regimental commanders, who are to visit Nanking. The list is divided into three batches of officers, who will leave in turns. The officers of the first batch, who will proceed this week, are General Yu Hon-mu of the 59th Division, Tsai Ting-kai of the 60th Division, and Li Yang-kin of the 63rd Division.

After reporting at Nanking, these officers will take a trip to Manchuria to study the situation in the northern provinces; they will be away a month.

On their return to Canton, the second batch, consisting of Generals Chiang Kwang-nai, of the 61st Division, Heung Hon-ping, of the 62nd Division, and Brigadier-Generals Li Chun-kau, and Yip Shiu will start for the North. When these officers have returned, the third batch, made up of regimental commanders, will follow.—Canton News Agency.

EXAMINERS' BOARD

FOR DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND STAFFS

DATES OFFICIALLY FIXED

Canton, Yesterday.
As previously intimated, all Government servants will undergo examination before they are taken into service or given promotion. The Provincial Government has now decided on November 1 for the examination of magistrates, and November 10 for Government staff whether employed in the offices of the magistrates or municipal government. Apart from the Examination Officers, who are to be appointed by the Central Government, the Provincial Government has appointed Mr. Lum Tseng-cheng and Mr. Kam Yick-chung to make all necessary preparation for the examinations.

In regard to the examination of the Government staff, the Provincial Government has already proclaimed the regulations for this and also the names of the Board of Examiners, namely, General Chan Ming-shu as Chairman, Mr. Fan Ki-mu, Mr. Tsung Chin, General Teng Yin-wa, Mr. Sun Hui-mun, Mr. Kam Yick-chung, and Mr. Lum Tseng-cheng.—Canton News Agency.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY

NEW BILL TO PROVIDE FOR MINERS

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Ben Tillet, President of the annual conference of the Trades Union Congress, stated to-day that he understood that, in accordance with the pledge given by the Premier, the Attorney General was preparing a Bill appealing for legislation relating to the Trades Unions, passed in 1926, under the Conservative Government. The principle measure of that legislation was a provision enabling an eight hour day to be worked in the mines.—British Wireless Service.

Painting on the Thames at Oxford, George Arthur McCluskey, of Speedwell-street, Oxford, was killed by falling head foremost into the mud.

CIVIL SERVANTS AND SALARIES

DISAPPOINTMENT?

BUT HOPE STILL DEFERRED

It would, of course, be fair to suggest that the views of a few individuals in the Government Service, although representative of most classes of Civil Servants, will be typical of opinion at large. It appears, however, that certain facts have already been known to those concerned for some days, through the medium of General Orders, and that the report of the Salaries Recommendation (referred to elsewhere in this issue) was not a surprise.

Some commend the Commissioners for their businesslike suggestions, particularly in their proposal to set aside "extras" which, to the taxpayer, seem to be vexatious, discriminatory, and confusing as to what a man really is paid.

Councils' Services Missed
There also appears to have been disappointment in more than one class, mainly in the direction that the recommended increases were not nearly as large as expected. Hope is, therefore, still deferred.

Those who are in receipt of sterling salaries prefer to wait until they get their new equivalent in Hong Kong dollars before making up their mind as to whether they have gained or lost!

A feature which, it is said, will earn the approbation of many, is the indication that the present length-of-service bar to rent allowance for juniors ought to go.

In one department regret was mentioned that permission was not sought for counsel to appear before the Commission, to press the claims of one or more classes in the Civil Service.

CHINA'S FINANCES

NATIONAL DOMESTIC BONDS ALLOTTED

KWANGTUNG'S SHARE

Canton, Yesterday.
The Ministry of Finance has fixed the allotments of domestic bonds to be taken up by the provinces.

Peking and Tientsin bankers are given \$2,000,000 bonds to dispose of.
Hankow bankers, \$2,000,000; Shanxi Province, \$2,000,000; Honan, Anhwei, Kansu, Chekiang, Fukien, Chihli, Hupeh, Hunan, Kwangtung and Kiangsi provinces, from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The total amount is \$29,200,000. Kwangtung's share of the domestic bonds is \$5,000,000.

Central Bank
Mr. Chow Man-chor, managing director of the Central Bank, left to-day by the "Empress of Asia" for Shanghai. It is said that he will return with General Chen Ming-shu and his party.—Canton News Agency.

BLUEJACKET HIT

QUARREL WITH CHINESE IN WANCHAI

John Kennedy, an A.B., of H.M.S. "Seraph" was, according to a paragraph in this morning's Police reports, removed to the Naval Hospital last night suffering from injuries received in the course of a quarrel with a Chinese in Tai Wo-street, Wanchai.

When approached by a "China Mail" reporter, Divisional Inspector MacDonald, of No. 2, Police Station, said that it was not a serious affair, and the seaman's injury was not of a serious nature.

There had apparently been some misunderstanding between the sailor and the Chinese, and the latter hit "Jack" on the back of the head with "something," causing a scalp wound. Not much force was used in inflicting the wound, although it caused a certain amount of bleeding.

The Chinese has not been arrested.

The Minister of Communications at Nanking is reported by the vernacular press to have ordered his subordinates to take steps to prevent the installation of wireless apparatus by private individuals as these are liable to interfere with the transmission of messages.

GUESTS OF ROYALTY

SNOWDEN'S VISIT TO SANDRINGHAM

STAYED ALL NIGHT

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and his wife went to Sandringham to-day to visit Their Majesties and spent the night there.—Reuter.

An Informal Visit
Mr. and Mrs. Snowden arrived to-day at Sandringham, where they will stay as guests of the King and Queen until to-morrow.

It is stated that the visit of the Chancellor of the Exchequer is informal, and is not in his capacity of Acting Premier.—British Wireless Service.

DIVER CAPTURED

Pirates Ask \$60 Ransom

A report has reached the Colony from an official source to the effect that whilst a Chinese diver was locating a lost anchor belonging to the s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheong" in a place about a quarter of a mile below First Cliffs, he was set upon by a gang of pirates. The diver was captured, and the pirates have written to his family asking \$60 for his release.

TRADE COMMISSION

SECRETARY'S NEW POST AT SINGAPORE

CLOSED SINCE 1922

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Robert Boulter, C.M.G., the Commercial Secretary attached to the British Embassy at Tokyo, has been appointed Trade Commissioner for Singapore. The appointment will thus re-open a post which has been closed since 1922.—Reuter.

Mr. Boulter has been Commercial Secretary at Tokyo since 1925. He is in Japan, in 1907. He is 44 years of age.

NEW U.S. CRUISER

MRS. COOLIDGE LAUNCHES NORTHAMPTON

"ARMED TO THE TEETH"

Quincy (Massachusetts), Yesterday.
Mrs. Coolidge launched the 10,000-ton cruiser "Northampton" to-day. The cruiser has a speed of 32½ knots, and is armed with nine eight-inch guns, six torpedo tubes, and four anti-aircraft guns.—Reuter's American Service.

PLAGUE IN HONG KONG

The "China Mail" is informed by the Netherlands Consul-General that Hong Kong has been declared plague-infected by the authorities of the Dutch East Indies.

K.O.S.B. 'DESERTERS'?

TWO LANCE-CORPORALS REPORTED MISSING

Two more men of the 2nd Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers have been reported to the Police as missing and posted as deserters since Tuesday.

This time the men concerned are non-commissioned officers, both holding the rank of Lance-Corporal in the regiment. Their names are given as William Wallis and Albert Gladier.

The Military authority's report to the Police stated that the two men have been absent from barracks since 6.30 on August 3, when "roll call" was taken.

SNEAK THIEVES

Lam Yuen (36), a widow living on the second floor of No. 346, Des Vaux-road West, has reported to the Police that as she was about to ascend the stairs to her flat at about noon yesterday, two Chinese sneaked up from behind. Whilst one held her, clapping a hand over her mouth, the other relieved her of a gold bangle worth \$22.

WHERE THE TYPHOON IS NOW

NEAR INDO-CHINA

THREE STORMS THERE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS

NO DAMAGE IN HONG KONG

No damage was caused at Hong Kong by yesterday's "blow", and, in fact, it could hardly be said that the city was visited even by the proverbial "tail" of the typhoon.

Gale force was felt at Waglan (at the south-east approach to Hong Kong Island), however, at 3 a.m. yesterday and 1 a.m. to-day.

At six o'clock this morning the centre was within 100 miles of the coast of Indo-China and it will probably enter the coast this afternoon.

Harbour Office Error

This morning the following notice was posted at the Harbour Office: Typhoon is Lat. 18° N., Long. 103° E., moving W.N.W., intensity unknown. The notice purported to have been put up at 10.40 p.m. to-day, obviously a foolish error, but a serious one in view of the subject matter.

A master mariner told a "China Mail" man to-day that that part of the South China Sea between Hainan and Tongking had had three storms in seven days, referring to the typhoon last weekend, the one reaching Indo-China to-day, and another gale.

300 Miles Away

This last typhoon was not at any time nearer than 300 miles to Hong Kong. It kept on in its original direction, W.N.W., and followed the track which is usual for typhoons at this time of the year, without any marked curving northward in the direction of Hong Kong and vicinity.

The total rainfall was 2.32 inches, 1.55 inches of which fell between midnight last night and 10.30 a.m. to-day.

The barometer record at the Royal Observatory was not characterised by any remarkable fall. In fact the barometer actually rose at different stages of the typhoon's approach, owing to the establishment of slight north-east monsoon conditions along the China Coast.

Gale in Tourane
Tourane (in Indo-China) has returned the lowest barometer readings, such in comparison with Hong Kong being:—

	Hong Kong	Tourane
2 p.m.	29.70	29.52
Yesterday	29.70	29.52

To-day 29.75 29.47
The wind did not reach sustained gale force at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon, but force 7 was registered between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. yesterday and again at 1 a.m. to-day.

Arriving here at 2 a.m. to-day from Canton, the s.s. "Suiyang" reported "Fresh easterly winds, overcast, heavy rain squall."

The "Sagara Maru," which arrived at 7.30 a.m. from Keelung, Formosa, reported "Overcast, cloudy weather, high sea."

Weather to Improve?

At 10.46 a.m. to-day the Observatory announced:—

"A weak anticyclone is situated over N. China and S. Manchuria. The typhoon is situated midway between the south of Hainan and the coast of Indo-China, moving W.N.W. or W."

"Another typhoon is indicated in the Pacific about 400 miles to the south-east of Naha, probably moving N.W."

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is:—

"Formosa Channel: N. winds, moderate. Kong to Gap Rock, to Lamocka, and to Hainan: E. winds, moderate; cloudy with occasional rain, improving."

MR. SUN FO

TO VISIT KWANGTUNG THIS MONTH

Canton, Yesterday.
A letter received by Mr. Lee Look-chiu, the magistrate of the Model District Chung Shan, announces the intention of Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways, and General Ng Tik-sen to visit the South in the early part of this month.—Canton News Agency.

S.S. "CASSUM"

CONDITION OF SALE ORDERED BY ADMIRALTY

TENDERS CLOSED TO-DAY

The ill-fated s.s. "Cassum," formerly H.M.S. "Woodlark," a patrol boat employed on the Yangtze, is to be sold. Mr. S. A. Cassumbhoy, who bought the vessel from the British Admiralty about nine months ago, has been "inviting tenders," and the successful bidder will be made known to-morrow.

Meanwhile the Admiralty has ordered that the "Cassum," if sold to other than a British subject, has to be broken up, and, if sold to a British subject, she is allowed to remain a merchant ship.

As a British patrol boat on the Yangtze the "Woodlark" had enjoyed a successful career; her presence in any of the Northern ports was ever welcomed by British subjects.

Spell of Bad Luck

As a merchantman, this vessel had a run of hard luck. The moment she was re-christened the "Cassum" in Shanghai, after passing hands, she was brought down to Hong Kong. On the way she encountered a heavy typhoon, and was badly buffeted. At one time great anxiety was felt both here and at Shanghai as to her safety. It later transpired that she had to steam into Wenchow for refuge.

Then, on arrival at Hong Kong, she was placed on the Wuchow run. From a financial aspect, she was not an asset to her new owner. Then came the typhoon of a fortnight ago, and the "Cassum" was driven against the rocks off Lanchow. She was badly damaged, and her owner had to look upon her as a total loss.

To cap it all, now comes the order from the Admiralty. Under the conditions of sale, she cannot possibly fetch a good price, if sold to Chinese to break her up, and it is feared that among the tenderers there may be very few British subjects.

CANTON PLANES

"PUNG YU" ARRIVES IN SHANGHAI

NEWS OF "NAM HOI"

Canton, Yesterday.
According to a telegram received early this morning, General Chan Ming-shu and General Chang Wai-chang left Hanchow yesterday morning by the "Pung Yu" plane, being escorted by the Yunnan plane "The Golden Stead" (which left Canton for the North in the early part of August). The "Pung Yu" arrived at 4 o'clock at Shanghai, landing at the Hangjiao Aerodrome, where Mr. T. V. Soong and other officials, together with representatives from the different associations, were waiting for their arrival. After exchanging compliments with the officials, the Chairman and General Chang were driven to Mr. Soong's residence, where in the evening they were entertained at dinner to which high officials were invited.

Report of a Mishap
Earlier telegrams said that three planes, the "Chung Shan," "Toi Han," and "Dung Kun" were damaged when landing at Amoy, owing to the small area of the landing place, that only the "Pung Yu" and "Nam Hoi" started for Hanchow on the following day and that between Amoy and Hanchow the "Nam Hoi" was lost.

On the receipt of this news, the Chief of Police, General Auyang Ku immediately sent out radio messages to passing ships along the coast, requesting them to keep a look-out for the lost plane. The Canton Aviation Bureau was prepared to send out the two planes "The Spirit of Canton" and "Pearl River" to search for the "Nam Hoi." The friends and families of the two officers in charge of the lost plane, Commander Yang Koong-yi and Col. Art Lynn, were very much alarmed on hearing the news, and telegrams were sent to the North for information of the aviators. But all yesterday, no news was received either by the officials or their friends.

Forced to Land

This morning an official telegram was received, which stated that owing to a shortage of fuel the "Nam Hoi" plane was forced to land in the Tung Hsien district of Chekiang Province and that both Com. Yang and Col. Lynn were safe and well.—Canton News Agency.

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G. R.**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of September, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Contents	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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The schemes now in hand allow expansion up to a supply of 20 million gallons a day.

Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

For many months past our principal anxiety has been the very serious water shortage in the Colony, and especially, on Hong Kong Island, due to an abnormal low rainfall. This water emergency arose in spite of the fact that all the storage reservoirs of the Colony overflowed in 1928. The last dates in that year when the reservoirs on Hong Kong Island stood at overflow-level were as follows:—Wong-nai-chung June 4, Pok-fu-lam June 5, Tytam Byewash June 13, Tytam June 16, Tytam-tuk July 28 and Tytam Intermediate November 17. On the mainland, in 1928, Shek-lai-pui reservoir last stood at overflow-level on September 8 and Kowloon reservoir on November 28. But the rainfall for the second half of 1928 was only 22.89 inches, the lowest ever recorded; and the rainfall from the beginning of this year to July 12 last, when the drought may be said to have ended, was only 15.76 inches, making a total of 38.65 inches during a period of a little over twelve months. The lowest rainfall ever previously recorded in this Colony for twelve consecutive months was 45.83 inches in 1895. The recent drought was, therefore, much the most severe in the Colony's history and its effect was such that on July 11, 1929, when our island reservoirs were at their lowest, the total water storage in Hong Kong was only 150 million gallons, while on June 8, 1929, when our mainland reservoirs were at their lowest, the total water storage in Kowloon was only 79 million gallons. This means that the island and mainland reservoirs were so depleted that no more than 7 per cent. and 15 per cent. respectively of their aggregate capacities remained in storage. Since July 12 we have fortunately had heavy rains and our anxieties have been somewhat relieved. But it has brought home to every resident in this Colony in an unmistakable manner that our water problem is the most pressing and the most important of our domestic problems; and it is quite clear to all of us that an adequate solution of this problem is imperative.

Therefore, as a preliminary to our deliberations over next year's budget, I wish to place before you the history in brief outline of the Colony's waterworks, a description of our present position with respect to water supply, and a statement of the waterworks policy which we intend to pursue in the near future and of the goal we aim at.

Back To 1841

The construction of residential and business premises on Hong Kong Island began in March, 1841, when Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company erected the first substantial house and godowns at East Point. The mercantile centre of the Colony was at the outset in Wong-nai-chung valley and Chinese settlement began to the west of that valley. The water supply for these early settlers came from the fine mountain-stream which gives the valley its name, and which makes its way into the harbour through what is now known as the Bowring Canal. The so-called Blue Pool in this stream provided a small storage; and it is interesting to note that during the recent water emergency this pool, which was reconstructed by the city waterworks in 1874, was again brought into use and dug out, after being completely silted up in the course of the intervening years. Moreover, even when the drought was at its worst, the Wong-nai-chung stream never failed to flow. Doubtless it was this natural water supply which attracted the first settlers to the Happy Valley.

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In 1841 there were estimated to be 5,650 Chinese in Hong Kong. The number of Europeans, then resident on the island, is not known; but it must have been very small. Ten years later, in 1851, the population had increased to a total of 32,983 souls, of whom 1,520 were non-Chinese; and in that year the Colony's first waterworks were constructed, namely, five wells for the city supply. Again, it is interesting to remark that during the recent emergency we have had to fall back upon the opening of wells in Happy Valley and elsewhere to make out our failing supply from the reservoirs.

In The Year 1860

The next step was taken in 1860, when two tanks were constructed in Bonham-road for the city supply; and once again I note that tanks have during the recent emergency proved to be one of the most useful means of combatting the drought. The two tanks built in 1860 were, three years later, connected by an aqueduct with Pok-fu-lam, where in 1863 the Colony's first storage reservoir was completed. In that year the population of Hong Kong had increased to 124,850 souls, of whom 3,149 were non-Chinese.

The Pok-fu-lam scheme, like so many of the Colony's waterworks, was developed by successive stages. In 1863 the capacity of this reservoir was only two million gallons. In 1871 by reconstruction its storage was increased to 66 million gallons; and in 1895 an additional 4,400,000 gallons were imposed by the use of boards, making the total capacity of Pok-fu-lam reservoir 70,400,000 gallons. Meanwhile, in 1877, the conduit between Pok-fu-lam and the city was reconstructed; and in 1890, four filter beds for this reservoir were built with an area of 1,360 square yards.

Tytam Valley

The second, and by far the largest, of the storage schemes on the island is that in the Tytam valley. The original section of this scheme was completed in 1889. It provided for a storage reservoir of 312,350,000 gallons, a tunnel 1.88 miles long, a conduit three miles long, and a service reservoir with a capacity of 5,700,000 gallons. In 1897 the dam was raised to impose an additional 72,470,000 gallons. The capacity of Tytam reservoir thus became 384,820,000 gallons, and by using boards this was further increased to a total of 407 million gallons. Meanwhile, in 1891, the Peak, which had previously been dependent on well water, was supplied from the city waterworks by pumping; and, in 1892, the city waterworks distribution scheme was completed.

In 1899 was completed the small Wong-nai-chung reservoir with a capacity of 30,340,000 gallons, increased to 33,994,000 gallons by the use of boards; and in that year the total capacity of all storage reservoirs on the island, with boards in use, was 511,394,000 gallons. It is not now considered safe to increase the depth of water in the Pok-fu-lam and Wong-nai-chung reservoirs by the use of boards. Both these old reservoirs leak and the leakage increases, when boards are fixed. Moreover, as Tytam reservoir now overflows into Tytam-tuk reservoir, the use of boards in connection with it has been discontinued. The total capacity of these reservoirs has thus been reduced from 511,394,000 gallons in 1899 to 481,140,000 gallons at the present day. The Colony's population in 1899 was 259,312 souls, of whom 15,822 were non-Chinese.

New Territories

On April 16, 1899, the New Territories were taken over and the British flag was hoisted at Tai-po. Prior to that day the land population of British Kowloon, which, according to the 1891 census, was 19,997 souls, had drawn its water supply entirely from wells, and the only waterworks undertaken by the Hong Kong Government on Kowloon peninsula had been the construction, in 1895, of three wells, north of Yau-mati, to supply 250,000 gallons a day. But from 1899 onwards increasing attention was given to schemes for storing water on the mainland. The construction of the Kowloon reser-

voir and of the Kowloon waterworks gravitation scheme began in 1902 and was completed in 1910. Its storage capacity at overflow-level is 352½ million gallons, but with the sluices down an additional 32½ million gallons can be stored, making a total of 385 million gallons. Next followed, in 1925, the completion of the Shek-lai-pui reservoir, with a capacity of 116 million gallons; and meanwhile, in 1923, work began on the Shengmun valley scheme, which is still under construction, and about which I shall have more to say later on. Two small schemes on the mainland should, however, be mentioned at this point.

Gravitation System

In 1920 the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club requested Government to supply water to the links and club-houses at Fan-ling; and, as private residential development also had begun in the vicinity, a gravitation system was constructed to supply the district, water being obtained from a perennial stream to the west of the golf course. The distribution system now extends from Fan-ling village to Kam-tsin village and the average daily consumption this year has been about 17,000 gallons. It was further decided, in 1922, to place the Tai-po water supply on a more satisfactory basis. Prior to that year houses in the neighbourhood of Tai-po were supplied from sources of doubtful purity and Tai-po Market itself was dependent on wells. An intake has now been formed in a large stream near Tai-po; all cultivated ground above the intake has been resumed and the catchment area has been made into a forestry reserve. A 4" main has been laid and supplies Tai-po Market and other villages as well as the residential buildings in the vicinity. The daily consumption at present amounts to 40,000 gallons.

Meanwhile further storage reservoirs were also being built on Hong Kong Island in the Tytam valley. The Tytam Byewash reservoir, with a capacity of 22,370,000 gallons, was completed in 1904; and the so-called Intermediate Reservoir in Tytam valley, with a capacity of 195,914,000 gallons, was completed in 1907. Work on the Tytam-tuk scheme began in 1913 and was completed on October 22, 1917. These works comprise a storage reservoir, practically at sea-level, with a capacity of 1,419 million gallons, a pumping-station capable of raising 9 million gallons a day to Tytam Tunnel, two suction mains of 18" diameter and half a mile in length, and three rising mains of 18" diameter and 1.93 miles in length.

Three Small Schemes

Three more small schemes must be mentioned for the sake of completeness. In 1914 a service reservoir and two filter-beds were constructed to supply the Shau-ki-wan district with water collected from intakes in streams on the eastern slopes of Mount Parker. A supply of about 200,000 gallons a day is obtained from this source. In 1922 a balance tank was built and a 3" pipe-line, capable of yielding 75,000 gallons at the day, was laid from Wong-nai-chung reservoir to serve the new development in Repulse Bay. Finally, this year, a similar pipe-line and balance tank have been built connecting the Stanley peninsula with the Tytam supply and capable of yielding nearly 100,000 gallons a day.

No further storage reservoirs have as yet been constructed in Hong Kong, and the total capacity of the six storage reservoirs built by Government on the island—namely, Pok-fu-lam, Wong-nai-chung, Tytam, Tytam Byewash, Tytam Intermediate and Tytam-tuk—is 2,118,414,000 gallons. The population of Hong Kong Island cannot now be less than 600,000 souls. Thus the storage, which in 1863 was no more than 16 gallons a head, and in 1899 was only 1,972 gallons a head, is now 3,530 gallons a head.

Private Enterprise

Apart from these six storage reservoirs constructed by the Government, four reservoirs have been built on Hong Kong Island by private enterprise. Three of them were constructed by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire in connection with their establishments at Quarry Bay. The first was built in 1884 and has a capacity of 11 million gallons. The second, built in 1893, has a capacity of 30 million gallons; and the third, built in 1895 and situated at the 500-foot level above North Point, has a capacity of 137.7 million gallons. There is also in the Aberdeen valley a storage reservoir constructed in 1890 by the Tai Shing Paper Manufacturing Company. Its capacity, when first built, was 44.2 million gallons. In the years 1899 and 1900 its dam was raised 18 feet to its present level, thus increasing the storage by 47.8 million gallons to a total capacity of 92 million gallons. From this reservoir the Company is required by the terms of its Crown lease to supply the Aber-

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deen and Ap-li-chau villages with 60,000 gallons a day; and, in order to improve this supply, the Government in 1897 constructed a small covered service reservoir and three filter-beds. The Company's own reservoir was, however, resumed by the Hong Kong Government in March last, as an initial step towards the extension of the waterworks in Aberdeen valley, a matter to which I shall revert later on. The Ap-li-chau supply was obtained by water-boats until 1928, when a 2" pipe-line was laid across the bed of Aberdeen harbour to give this small island a direct service.

Question of Distribution

I now pass from the subject of water, storage to that of water distribution. On the mainland, where storage of water has fortunately hitherto kept pace with the growth of the population, it is now the policy of Government to give all premises a metered supply through the mains. But on the island, where in times of drought the water storage has often been insufficient to supply the needs of the resident population, a more complicated system of distribution grew up. Under the legislation of the years 1895 to 1898 the system of supply was as follows:—

(a) Within the City of Victoria water for domestic purposes was supplied without check or restraint of any kind through services laid on to the houses. Any house could have its service. Meters were fixed only in the case of supplies for trade or non-domestic purposes.

(b) Outside the City of Victoria the supply of water to Chinese houses was entirely by means of public fountains. Services for the supply of water for domestic purposes were permitted to European houses only, and in the case of all services meters had to be fixed.

(c) A uniform rate, both inside and outside the city, of 2 per cent. per annum on the rating valuation was charged on account of water. In the case of all metered supplies, the water consumed was charged for at the rate of 25 cents per thousand gallons, a rebate of 1.1/3 per cent. per annum on the rating valuation being made from the accounts.

Strange Anomalies

You will see that under the old ordinances there were some strange anomalies. A European house inside the city boundaries obtained an unlimited supply of water through the mains without payment, except in the form of rates; but a similar house outside the city boundaries was metered and had to pay for all it consumed, only a portion of the amount paid as water rate being refunded. A Chinese house inside the city boundaries also obtained an unlimited supply of water from the mains without payment, except in the form of rates; but a similar house outside the city boundaries had to obtain its supply from street-fountains, whilst paying the same water rate as a house inside the city.

Drought and insufficient storage made it frequently necessary to resort to a system of intermittent supply upon the island. Indeed, from 1889, the date of the completion of the original Tytam scheme, down to 1902 it had only been found possible to maintain the full supply in four years. The trouble came to a head during the exceptional drought of 1901-2, which extended over the whole of South China and resulted in a water famine on Hong Kong Island during the early part of 1902 similar to that which we have experienced this year. It became evident that action must be taken, not merely to increase, but to conserve the Colony's water storage; and it was first sought to attain the latter object by introducing universal meterage, the so-called "free supply" of water being placed very low. It was hoped that, rather than incur the expense of paying for "excess consumption," the poorer classes

of the population would fetch their water from the street-fountains, where they could obtain as much as they required free of charge, except in so far as the payment of rates was concerned, Universal Meterage.

A bill was drafted, which provided for universal meterage, and "excess consumption" was defined in it as any quantity of water ascertained by a meter as having been used in a tenement in excess of a quarterly allowance which, at 50 cents per thousand gallons, would be equal to 1/3 per cent. of the annual rating valuation of the said tenements. Under such a system of computation, the "free" supply of water in a Chinese house inhabited by the poorer classes would, it was estimated, have been about two gallons per caput per diem. Experience gained in Kowloon at that time had shown that seven gallons a day was for domestic purposes enough for the poorer Chinese, when there was no waste; and it was anticipated that, rather than pay for the extra five gallons a head, occupants would give up their house services.

A bill, drafted on these lines, was read a first time in this Council, but its object was misunderstood by the Chinese. They imagined that the aim was to raise revenue, whereas the real object was to check waste. The then Chinese members of the Legislative Council represented to Government that the bill would fail in its object, as landlords, in order to make their houses attractive, would keep the water-services in them and would arrange to charge the tenants for their excess consumption by additions to the rent. The Chinese, it was urged, would be better pleased if Government took steps to attain its object by direct legislation, at the same time increasing the "free" supply to such premises as were allowed services.

Idea Abandoned
The Government thereupon abandoned the idea of universal meterage and determined to provide for the supply of water to the poorer sections of the population by means of street-fountains, a step which would have brought the distribution of water within the city into line with that then existing outside its boundaries. For the wealthier classes a supply of house services would be provided, all such services to be metered and any excess consumption above a certain allowance to be charged for. Public fountains would be opened throughout the city and all houses would be disconnected from the mains unless the owners agreed to the introduction of meters and signed an undertaking to pay for "excess consumption."

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WATER SUPPLY

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A new bill was accordingly introduced into Legislative Council and passed as Ordinance No. 29 on August 12, 1902. The chief changes which it made in the law were:—

- (1) The enforced use of a meter in every house connected with the water service.
- (2) The reduction of the daily allowance of water per capita from about twelve gallons a day to about five gallons a day.
- (3) The increase in the price of water to be supplied by meter from 25 cents to a sum not exceeding \$1 per thousand gallons.
- (4) The enforced disconnection of the existing water-service supply from every "tenement-house," i.e., every domestic building let to and inhabited by more than one occupier or family as tenants of a common landlord or sub-tenants of a tenant of any portion of such domestic building.

Chinese Dissent

The two Chinese members of Legislative Council dissented from this bill also, and a petition was presented in August, 1902, by the Chinese inhabitants and firms of Hong Kong to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying that the legislation just passed should be disallowed, now known as the "rider-main system." The grounds upon which the Chinese objected to the new legislation were that the first three changes in the law, as set out above, would entail upon the poorer classes much expense, trouble and inconvenience as regards their water supply; that there would be endless disputes between landlords and tenants as well as between the tenants themselves who occupied different floors or parts of the same building, and also between incoming and outgoing tenants; and further that by causing the poorer classes of Chinese to use as little water as possible, cleanliness and sanitation would be greatly prejudiced. With respect to the fourth change in the law the petitioners predicted that under its operation the water-service of each and every tenement-house occupied by Chinese in the City of Victoria would be summarily cut off with a very small chance of any reconnoitring. Therefore, instead of the drastic measure of cutting off all water-service from tenement-houses throughout the year, the petitioners urged the adoption of a scheme suggested by Mr. Osbert Chadwick in a report on the water supply of Hong Kong, dated April 18, 1902, in which he proposed that subsidiary mains of small diameter, now known as "rider-mains," should be laid parallel to the principal mains on one or both sides of the city streets and that the house-services should be disconnected from the principal mains and connected to the rider-mains. In this way, the town would be divided up into blocks of convenient size, the water supply to which could be turned on and off independently and in rotation. Thus the occupants of tenement-houses would get a full supply, when the reservoir storage warranted it, and the evils of the intermittent supply in time of drought would be mitigated.

A New Bill in 1902

The Secretary of State agreed with the petitioners. Approval of Ordinance No. 29 of 1902 was withheld and a new bill was introduced in this Council in July, 1903, providing for the laying of rider-mains in areas which were defined as "rider-main districts." This bill was passed into law on September 17, 1903. Under its

provisions practically the whole of Victoria City below Kennedy-road, Caine-road and High-street, including East Point and Kennedy Town districts, has been brought within the definition of a rider-main district. Rider-mains have been laid, and water-services to the houses in rider-main districts have been disconnected from the principal mains and connected to the rider-mains. Connections with the principal mains are granted only in cases in which special sanction is given by the Governor-in-Council, and with regard to which the owners enter into an undertaking to pay for "excess consumption."

The present method of payment for water is as follows. A rate of 2 per cent. on the assessed value of all premises, both on the island and on the mainland, is charged for water-services. In consideration for the payment of this rate a so-called "free allowance" of water is granted. This "free allowance" is calculated from the number of thousand-gallon units which the 2 per cent. rate will pay for at 40 cents a unit. Thus, if the 2 per cent. rate on a given house were ten dollars a year, the "free allowance" would be ten dollars divided by 40 cents, i.e., 25 units, i.e., 25,000 gallons a year. If, however, as in the rider-main districts, a house is not metered, the question of "free allowance" does not arise; no charge for excess consumption is made, and the supply is unlimited so long as the amount of water stored in our reservoirs permits, that is to say usually for about six months in a year. During the remaining six months, in time of water shortage, houses in the rider-main districts are often restricted to a supply of two hours a day. While in time of severe drought such as we have recently experienced, the supply even from the rider-mains is shut off and the inhabitants have to draw their water from the street-fountains. In Kowloon there are no rider-mains and all unmetered houses obtain their supplies from the street-fountains.

Excess Consumption

"Excess consumption" in metered premises is charged for at the following prices per thousand gallons:—

- (a) filtered water—Hong Kong and Kowloon: 75 cents.
 - (b) Peak District: \$1.00.
- Waterboats, Wharves and Contractors in respect of their building supplies receive no free allowance and pay a flat rate of \$1.00. (Unfiltered water—35 cents (Paying \$1.00) with no free allowance. No water rates are imposed in districts supplied with unfiltered water. A higher price is charged in the Peak District, because in that district the use of filtered water from the mains for flushing closets has been permitted. Accounts are rendered quarterly and money does not reach the Treasury until some 4½ months after the first day of the quarter brought to account. (To Be Continued.)

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LABOUR MARKET

The report of the Salaries Commission for Hong Kong appointed to consider—the adequacy of the salary scales of officers employed by the Government of Hong Kong; the currency basis on which the salaries of officers ordinarily recruited in Britain should be quoted and paid when in the Colony and on leave, and the principles on which acting pay, charge allowances and overtime allowances should be granted, states that the claim of employees receiving less than \$20 a month to primary consideration of their position should be necessary to fix an order of priority.

We have not overlooked the important bearing that any increase in the pay of persons of this class must have on the general labour market. We apprehend that, normally, Government employees are not to be compared with the private employer and pay wages higher than the standard rate. But this rule, must, in its application, be subject to one important limitation: that the standard rate must not be below a figure which will enable a labourer to live decently. We have throughout our enquiry considered only salary scales and have made no recommendations regarding labourers on daily wages which, in our opinion, must depend solely on the market rate. We think, after a careful consideration of the evidence of a large number of witnesses of this class, that the lowest wage paid to a labourer in Government employ should be \$12 a month although in most cases we have recommended a commencing wage of \$13 a month. This compares favourably with wages paid by private employers. In many cases men stated quite frankly that they had entered Government service because they improved their position by doing so, and they were fully alive to the advantage which greater security of continued employment gave them.

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In their report, the Salary Commissions for Hong Kong state:—since the revision of salaries in 1920 the emoluments of the Cadet Service have been determined by means of a "time scale" in so far as the junior or Class II Officers are concerned, with five posts on a higher scale of salary for senior or Class I Officers in charge of the main Departments of Government. The scales then fixed commenced with a salary of \$350 per annum for an Unpassed Cadet rising to \$375 on his passing his second examination in Chinese, usually after about one year's study, and to \$400 per annum on passing his fourth and final examination after a further year. Thereafter his salary rose by two annual increments of \$25 and fifteen annual increments of \$50 to \$1,200 per annum with two "efficiency bars" at \$600 and \$900 per annum. The five senior posts carried salaries of \$1,250 rising by annual increments of \$25 to \$1,500. An alteration of these salaries affecting the lower half of the time scale was approved by the Secretary of State, (Telegram of July 9, 1928) "subject to review by proposed Salaries Commission." As from January 1, 1929, therefore, the initial salary of an Unpassed Cadet became \$375 per annum rising to \$400 on passing his second examination and to \$440 on passing his final examination in Chinese; thereafter rising by nine annual increments of \$40 and 8 annual increments of \$50 to \$1,200 per annum. The two scales coincide on and after the 12th year of service at the salary of \$600.

Suitable Recruits

We understand that considerable difficulty has been experienced lately in obtaining suitable recruits in England for the Cadet Service. In the Malayan Salaries Commission Report (1920) attention is called to the difficulties experienced by the Malayan Government in obtaining recruits for its Cadet service and to the fact that the service under the Government of Hong Kong was being given clear preference over that of Malaya presumably as the result of better financial terms offered by the former Government. In the last two or three years this preference has been transferred to Malaya, and it is now the Government of Hong Kong which finds it difficult to obtain recruits for its Cadet service. Only two Cadets were selected from the Candidates at the 1926 examination although we understand three posts were offered, and only two on the results of the 1927 examination although provision for four new cadets was considered to be the minimum necessary. In 1928 six appointments were made, probably, as a result of the concessions granted by the revision of the time scale and the addition of the percentage increase to salaries. We have carefully considered the salaries paid in the Cadet Services of Ceylon and Malaya, and have given careful attention to the consideration that the Cadet Service of Hong Kong is a small one, that Senior posts to which its members can aspire are not numerous, and that a cadet who selects Hong Kong will in the great majority of cases spend his official life there. But we deprecate strongly any pecuniary competi-

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 14
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 4
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 4
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 26
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPEROR OF CANADA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	May 30
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tion with those Colonies to attract candidates to the Cadet Service of Hong Kong. The efforts of Government should, in our opinion, be directed to the provision of a reasonable salary having regard to the qualifications thought essential; and the experience of British Colonies and Protectorates in West Africa and in East Africa proves conclusively that an ample supply of competent officers is available under a system of selection. We recommend, therefore, that the initial salary of an unpassed Cadet should be \$450 per annum, rising to \$475 per annum on passing his second examination in Chinese, and to \$525 on passing his final examination. His salary should rise thereafter by three annual increments of \$50, one increment of \$75 and one of \$100 (after the sixth year in accordance with the principle laid down in para. 19), and eleven further increments of \$50, to \$1,400 per annum, with two efficiency bars at \$675 and \$1,100 per annum. In Class I there are at present 5 posts and this number has remained unaltered since October 1913. In that year there were 26 cadet officers and there are now 36, so that we consider that an increase in the number of Class I posts is justifiable. We recommend that the number be increased to 7. An officer is at present promoted to the Class and not to a particular post. We do not, therefore, think it necessary to specify which posts should be included among the 7 Class I appointments. For these posts we recommend a scale of \$1,500, rising by \$50 annually to \$1,800 per annum.

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The report of the Salary Commissioners for Hong Kong states:—The increase by 15 per cent. of the present salary of the Chief Justice would bring it to £2,700 per annum but the emoluments of the Chief Justice, like those of His Excellency the Governor, have been fixed in the past with special reference to the salaries paid to Chief Justices in other Colonies. On that account we do not consider that a salary exceeding £2,600 per annum should be suggested for the Chief Justiceship of Hong Kong. This figure, on account of the proposed reduction of the existing percentage increase of 34.4 per cent. to 15 per cent., will represent a considerably lower salary than that at present drawn locally by the Chief Justice. At a 2½ dollar the loss will be £235.12.0 per annum in the case of a married officer, and £257.16.0 if he should be unmarried. On account of this decrease we recommend that the Chief Justice should occupy an official residence free of rent, which would reduce, but not altogether remove, the loss that this officer would otherwise incur. For the Puisne Judge we recommend a salary of £1,850 per annum.

The posts of Registrar of the Supreme Court, Crown Solicitor and Land Officer are of a similar nature and for them we recommend the same salary, namely, £1,150, rising by £50 annually to £1,400 per annum. There is at present one Deputy Registrar on a special scale of salary: for him we recommend a salary of £1,130 per annum until his promotion when, we understand, the special scale will be abolished and this post will be graded along with the other Deputy Registrars. The Assistant Crown Solicitors and Assistant Land Officers. For these posts we recommend a scale of £700 rising to £970 per annum by 2 increments of £30, 2 of £60 and 3 of £30. It will be noted that in the case of these legal officers we have placed the marriage increments at an earlier stage, namely after 2 years' service only, in view of the longer training required for a legal officer and the consequent greater age on joining the service.

The post of European Interpreter is at present vacant. We feel therefore that no useful purpose would be served at this stage by suggesting a scale of salary for the post, as the salary to be offered must depend largely on the qualifications and standing of an applicant.

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The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard, and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

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September 6 to 12, 1929.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
Sept.	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
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Sat. 7	m 0 3 7 a 0 29	2.9 2.7 2.5	m 6 17 6 52 a 7 39 a	2.7 2.5 2.3
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Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri. 20th Sept. at 7 a.m.
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BUDGET FOR 1930

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Education Department

There is an increase in the Personal Emoluments vote for the Education Department caused by the normal increments, by a slight expansion of activities and by provision for training probationer masters in England owing to the difficulty of attracting trained masters to Hong Kong. It has been found possible to increase the Building Grant vote to \$60,000.

Hon. Members will notice a relatively small increase in the cost of the Public Works Department, Head 29, which in view of the notes provided does not seem to call for special comment from me. The Government has thought it wise to make increased provision under Public Works Recurrent (Head 30) as it is only by efficient maintenance that the Colony can reap the full benefit of its past capital expenditure.

In view of the very full memorandum prepared by my Hon. friend the Director of Public Works of which all Hon. Members have a copy I do not think it necessary to speak at any length on Head 31, Public Works Extraordinary. I will merely invite the attention of Hon. Members to the following new works of special interest:—

Sub-Head 23 — re-alignment of Yee Wo Street \$100,000. This is necessitated by private re-building operations. It is essential at once to lay out the streets on the new alignment to which re-building must conform.

Sub-Head 24 — \$75,000 — widening May-road from Tram Station to Conduit-road—this provides much needed motor access on the Mid-levels and constitutes the natural continuation of the road now in preparation from Garden Road to May Road.

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Provision is also made for fencing the line from the terminus to the South face of the tunnel for the protection of the Public. The erection of permanent shops for the sale of refreshments and small articles at stations in place of the present temporary sheds is a much needed improvement and provision is included for this work.

Military Contribution

Under Defence, Military Contribution formerly Head 33.B. has been renumbered Head 33.C. and a special Head has been inserted, Head 33.B. Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. It will be remembered that provision for a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve was first

inserted in the Estimates for 1927 but in view of the financial situation the Secretary of State directed that the scheme should be deferred. It has since been taken up again and there seems every prospect that it can now be successfully started. The Government considers that the Colony is now in a position to accept this increased responsibility, and provision has been made accordingly.

Under Miscellaneous Services will be found an item of \$3,000 as a contribution to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children which the Government hopes to see established at an early date.

An item of \$5,000 has been inserted under Charitable Services as a contribution to that very excellent Institution the Tsan Yuk Maternity Hospital.

Salaries Commission

Hon. Members will see that the Government has left unallocated a sum of \$1,669,332 from the total sum available for expenditure. Now, Sir, as the Hon. Members are aware a Salaries Commission under the Chairmanship of His Honour the Chief Justice has been engaged for some months in an investigation into the emoluments of the members of the Government Service, from the highest to the lowest. That report reached the Government only a few days ago and has been laid on the table of the Council this afternoon. It has not yet received the full consideration of this Government much less the approval of the Secretary of State and it was therefore not possible to invite Hon. Members to provide in this Budget any sum for carrying out the recommendations of the Commission. But from its knowledge of the public confidence enjoyed by the distinguished members of the Commission the Government has little doubt but that the recommendations of the Commission will be such as to commend themselves to this Council and, subject to such amendments, if any, as may appear necessary to this Government and to the Secretary of State, and to the Secretary of State's covering approval, the Government hopes to be in a position at a later date to invite this Council to make provision from the unallocated funds to which I have already alluded of a sum sufficient to carry out the recommendations of the Commission as from January 1 next. It has not been possible in the time available to work out the figures with any degree of accuracy but a rough estimate seems to show that the additional cost of the recommendations will be in the neighbourhood of \$1,300,000 per annum, with exchange for salary purposes reckoned at 1/10d. which is the rate

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RIVER WATER LEVELS

REPORT FROM BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF
KWANGTUNG

(Water Levels in English Feet)

Place of Observation	Highest on record	Lowest on record	W.L.	W.L.
West River at Shihing	+41.0	0	3.9	4.9
North River at Tsingyuen	+53.7	0	5.5	5.7
North River at Samshui	+27.3	-5	8.2	—
East River at Sheklung	+15.2	-3	2.5	2.7

adopted for the calculation of other sterling expenditure throughout the Estimates. Should exchange remain at its present rate the additional cost should work out at a considerably lower figure.

Before closing my remarks I should like to express my indebtedness to my Staff at the Secretariat and particularly to the Second Assistant Colonial Secretary for their untiring assistance in the preparation of the Budget.

Reliance on Co-operation

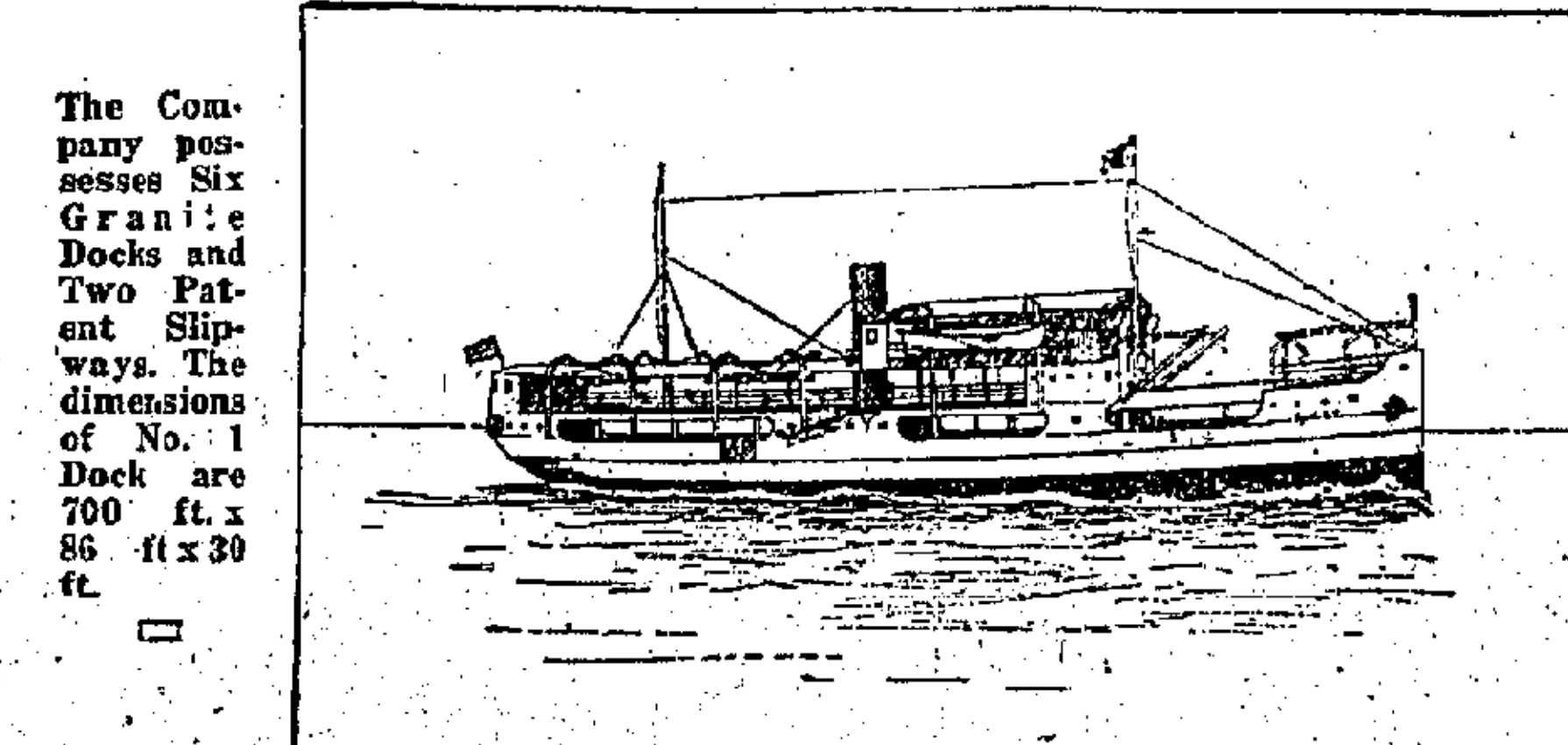
The Government, Sir, relies once more on that whole-hearted co-operation which past experience has

led it to expect from this Council in all matters affecting the public weal and in now moving the First Reading of "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding twenty-two million and thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars to the Public Service of the year 1930." I do so with complete confidence that Hon. Members will approach their important duty of scrutinising the Budget proposals with a full recognition of the Government's and particularly of Your Excellency's single-minded devotion to the welfare of this Colony and its people.

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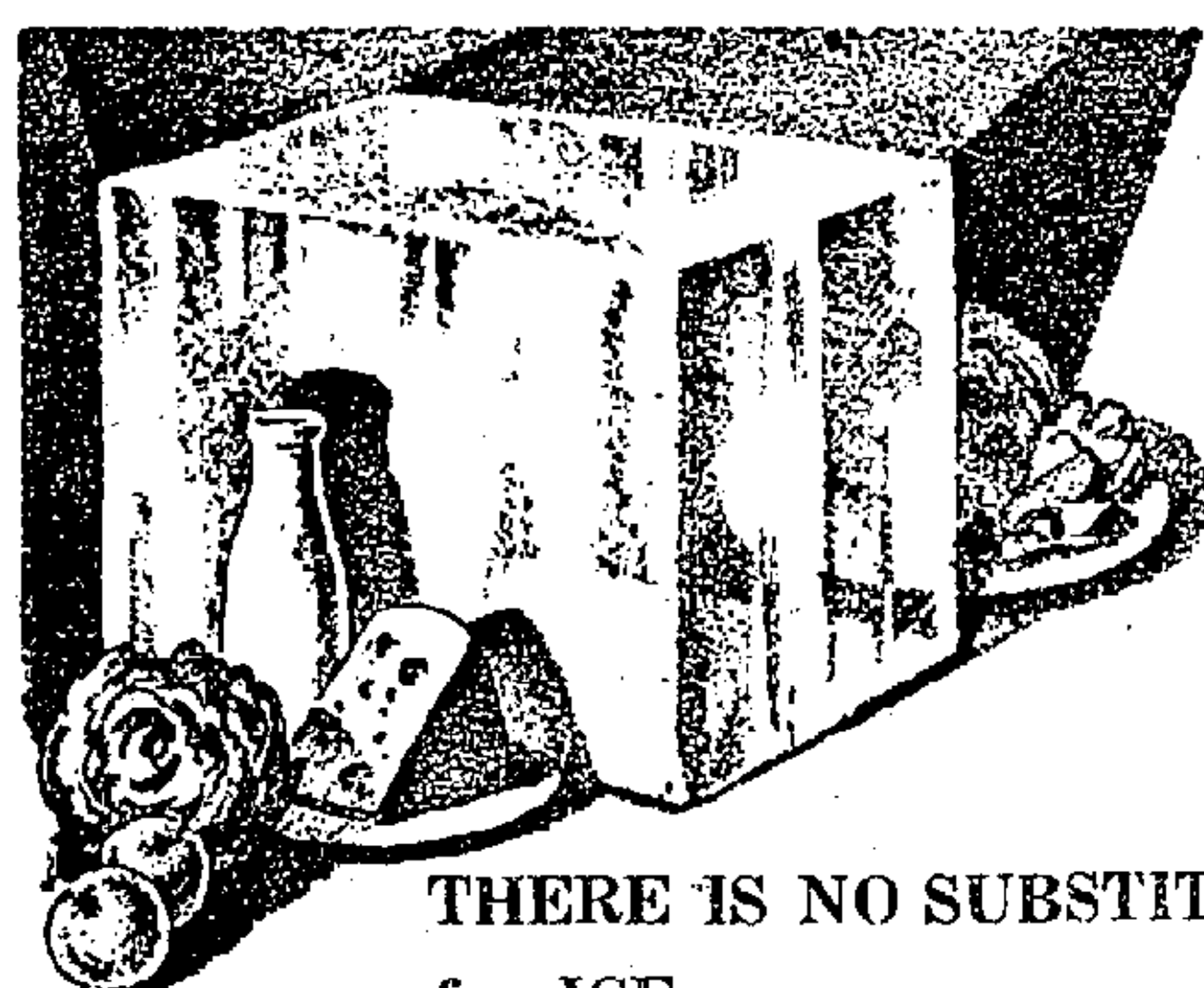
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OPIMUM TRAFFIC

It is gratifying to hear that Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hong Kong, is able to report for the first time that Kwong Chow Wan has ceased to be the chief source of illicit prepared opium. For the last six months of the year very little opium coming from this port was seized, and it was noticeable that several of the small and ancient steamers plying to that port, on which constant seizures had been made in former years, were diverted to the West River run during the season of high water, or laid up, thus confirming the opinion of the Department that the smuggling of opium was their chief source of profit. The reasons which have led to the diversion of the opium traffic are not known with certainty, but Chinese gossip has connected the fact with stricter official control at Kwong Chow Wan.

On the other hand, it is disconcerting to learn that Wuchow has become the chief source from which illicit opium is derived. During the last six months of the year practically all the illicit prepared opium seized, as well as all the raw Chinese opium, came from the West River port, in spite of occasional large seizures from Hong Kong bound steamers at Do Shing, a station of the Canton Opium Suppression Bureau situated below Wuchow. Most of Wuchow opium came direct, although a small quantity, it appears, came through Canton. Whilst not wishing to be unduly

critical of an assiduous and enterprising Government department, it is clear that there is room here for stricter vigilance and a general tightening-up of the regulations. It is small consolation for those interested in the suppression of the illicit opium traffic to hear Mr. Lloyd express satisfaction that Kwong Chow Wan has ceased to be the chief source of supply, when he admits a little further on that the traffic has merely been diverted to the West River run. It reminds us of the witticisms of Mr. Winston Churchill who, in formulating his magic Budget, reduced the tax on tea but increased it on sugar. The methods necessary to combat the traffic are obviously akin to those in practice in Amoy, where opium was rarely encountered during the last half of the year, as the trade in opium there had been upset by the severe regulations, and it was, accordingly, difficult to procure the drug in any quantity. There is also scope for remedy in cases like that at Macao, where, owing to the shortage of raw material, which caused the newly established Government monopoly to restrict supplies, opium was seized in greater quantities than in 1927. The opium seized did not bear any indication that it was produced by the Government Monopoly other than the word Macao in Chinese, or any maker's name, although it is generally said in the Colony, according to Mr. Lloyd, that the opium coming into this Colony from this source is not the product of the Government monopoly, but of a company called the Yau Shing Company.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR

\$5,000 RECOMMENDED FOR
SERVANTS
FREE CONVEYANCE.

We consider that the salaries at present paid to the Private Secretary and the Aide-de-Camp are inadequate and we note that the Secretary of State for the Colonies agreed that some increase is desirable. We recommend that the salary of each post be \$500 per annum, state the Salary Commissioners, in their report published recently.

The salary of the Custodian at Government House is the same as that of several groups of Subordinate European officers of the lower or 2nd Class. It is desirable that the officer performing the duties of Custodian should remain in his post over a considerable period of years and should not be tempted to look for promotion to other posts. We consider therefore that the scale of salary should be a long one covering roughly the same range as that of subordinate officers of the 2nd and 1st Classes. We recommend a scale of £260 rising by 5 annual increments of £10, 2 of £20, (after the sixth year) in accordance with the principle laid down in paragraph 19 and 7 further increments of £10 to £420 with an efficiency bar at £350.

Apart from these we understand that the Governor employs one chauffeur, three table boys, one hall boy, one personal boy, one kitchen boy, two cooks, nine house coolies, two amahs, one motor-cleaner, twelve chair coolies and one laundryman, whose wages exceed \$7,000 per annum. We consider that the major portion of the Staff at Government House and Mountain Lodge should be provided for out of public funds and we recommend that a sum of \$5,000 should be provided annually in the estimates for the purpose. The Governor receives no conveyance or travelling allowance, but a sum of \$1,040 is provided for running expenses of one car. We consider that the Governor should be provided with two cars and that they should be maintained and run at Government expense. We consider also that the Governor should at all times, and his staff while on duty, have free conveyance on any of the Government launches. Expenses are incurred from time to time for house decorations; we consider that these should be defrayed from public funds and that H. E. should be required to pay for coal, gas, electric fans, light and power only when consumed in the non-public rooms. The central heating plant recently installed in Mountain Lodge is required mainly for the preservation of the building and its contents from damp, and should be operated and maintained wholly at Government expense.

The next change at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, will be "Annie Laurie," starring Norman Kerry and Lillian Gish.

The Hon. Treasurer of St. John Ambulance Brigade acknowledges the receipt of the following donation to Brigade Funds:—Messrs. H. Ruttenberg & Son, \$25.

A hawker was fined \$5 with the option of eight days' hard labour for selling within the market limits, by the Kowloon Police Magistrate. Another was fined \$3 for a similar offence.

Two Chinese were bound over in personal bonds of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months, by the Kowloon Magistrate. The two had fought in Canton-road over a pair of Chinese clogs, which cost a little over 10 cents.

Unable to give a satisfactory explanation for the possession of a pair of slippers, a Chinese had been cautioned this morning at the Kowloon Police Court. He stated that a friend had given him the slippers to pawn, and that he could not find him.

COUNCIL QUERIES

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS
IN KOWLOON

OFFICIAL REPLIES

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked:—

1. Will the Honourable Colonial Secretary state what representations, if any, have been received by the Government from the Hong Kong Automobile Association, or any other organisation in the Colony, in connection with the new parking arrangements for motor-cycles near the "Star" Ferry Wharf at Kowloon Point?

2. Has attention been given by the Traffic Department to the repeated complaints appearing in letters to the newspapers against the unsatisfactory nature of the arrangements?

3. What steps is the Government taking:—

(a) to improve the recent innovation that is causing so much inconvenience to motor-cyclists at Kowloon;

(b) and when will any needed improvement be effected?

Answers:—
1. No representations have been received.

2. The Traffic Department has taken note of certain letters which appeared in the local Press. 3(a) & (b). The matter is under consideration and as at present advised the Government considers that it will be necessary to prohibit the leaving of unattended motor-cars and motor-cycles within the congested area at Tsim Sha Tsui point.

Homuntin Water

The Hon. Mr. Braga asked:—
1. Regarding a petition to Government from residents of the Homuntin district for a water-carriage system that must ultimately become an imperative necessity, from a public health point of view, on account of the steady growth of the Homuntin District?

Answer:—
1. The petition referred to was addressed to the Director of Public Works. The estimated cost of constructing a sewerage system to deal only with the Homuntin district and to discharge north of the Harbour of Refuge is \$50,000.

2. The scheme herein suggested has already been explored, and has been found impracticable on account of levels.

3. No scheme for dealing with the Homuntin district alone is found to satisfy engineering and economic conditions.

To-day's rainfall 1.55 inches

1929 rainfall . . . 60.41 inches

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This restricted area must await a comprehensive scheme embracing the whole of the Mong Kok and Yau Ma Tei areas. Such a scheme has already received consideration from the Public Works Department, but it involves large questions of sewage treatment and seems likely to prove very expensive. The proposals are not yet sufficiently concrete to be submitted to Government and much investigation is still necessary.

Kowloon Tong

The Hon. Mr. Braga asked:—  
1. With reference to Government Notification No. 436 of August 23 relating to a memorial of Re-entry by the Crown on the area known as the "Kowloon Tong Property," what consideration does the Government intend to extend to those subscribers whose houses stand on those Lots or any portions of the Kowloon Tong Property on which the Government has re-entered in respect of which there are now subsisting certain agreements and which houses are not yet completed through no fault of the subscribers and by whom all moneys in respect thereof have been paid to the Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Co., Ltd.?

2. Is it the intention of the Government to resume those properties without affording the owners thereof facilities to meet their obligations in the matter of the Crown land premium and so enable them to obtain their respective Crown leases?

Answer:—

1. The matter is under consideration.

2. Although no promise can now be made that Crown Leases will be granted to the subscribers referred to, it is probable that the Lots in question will be offered to such subscribers on terms which will include a stipulation that the obligations mentioned be performed. It is not the intention of the Government to disregard these subscribers, and the Government has already acceded to a request made by certain of them that they should become tenants at will pending the consideration of the matter referred to in the reply to question 1.

Water Works Finance

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D., asked:—  
With reference to the paragraph in Mr. Henderson's report to the Honourable Director of Public Works, dated February 20, 1928, in Sessional Paper No. 4 of 1928 which reads as follows:—

"The present Waterworks scheme of finance is in my opinion out of date and I would propose re-organisation on the lines suggested in my reports to you on the subject dated September 21, 1927, and December 13, 1927,"

will be Government lay copies of such reports upon the table of this Council?

Answer:—

The subject of waterworks finance will be dealt with fully in a speech which will be made to the Council to-day by His Excellency the Governor. In the circumstances it is not considered necessary to lay on the table the department minutes in question.

### BACK TO WORK

EMPLOYEES OF SHANGHAI  
WATER WORKS

ARREST OF LEADER

The Shanghai Water Works Co., Ltd., successfully solved on August 20 a mystery to its labour troubles, in the arrest, trial in the Provisional Court and conviction to six months jail, of Chu Kung-doo, a Chinese office-boy in their employment, supposed to be a very energetic member of the committee which has been directing the strike of the workers. With the disappearance of their leader's malicious influence, the strike began to crumble away, and altogether the company reported a muster roll on August 20 of 245 of its Chinese workers.

This figure does not include a number of carpenters who reported for duty but were unable to resume as there was nothing for them to do until adequate arrangements are made to clear their shops which at present are being used as a billet for the military guard that has been on duty there ever since the strike started.

Chu, the ring leader of the strikers, was arrested by the Shanghai Municipal police on Yangtszepoo road early on August 19 at 5.10 and charged on August 20 in the Provisional Court before Judge Kuh and Deputy Van den Berg with preventing, together with three of four other men not in custody, certain persons from following their lawful employment at the Shanghai Water Works Co., Ltd., Yangtszepoo.

The prosecution adduced evidence to show that by attempting threats and violence the accused had intimidated the workmen of the Shanghai Water Works Co., Ltd., from attending to their work and further substantiated their case by producing the company's muster roll reports of August 20 which showed that immediately the ring leader's vicious influence was gone the men eagerly returned to work.—China Press.

### FAMOUS CHURCH

THE LAST OF A CONSTANTINOPLE RELIC

Situated amidst picturesque surroundings on the southern bank of the Golden Horn, one of the oldest, though smaller, Byzantine churches in Constantinople has just fallen a prey to the pick and shovel of the municipal house-breakers.

Erected close upon fifteen centuries ago by the Emperor Justinian, the Church of Saint Thecla owed its name to the elder daughter of the Emperor Theophilus, a worthy and pious woman, so history relates, who, towards the middle of the ninth century, amongst other good works for which she was eventually canonised, restored the dilapidated fabric of this little gem of Byzantine architecture to its original condition.

In a railed-off enclosure adjacent to the demolished building there repose to this day the ashes of some of the defenders of Byzantium who fell in vainly endeavouring to stem the onrush of the Ottoman hordes under Mohammed the Conqueror when he finally captured the city.

And now, amidst the protests of local archaeological circles, and to the regret of Christian and Moslem alike, this irreplaceable relic of a bygone age has been razed off the face of the earth. There is here no question of old-time fanatical rancour or of latter-day religious apathy, but merely one of gross departmental carelessness. An order received from Ankara not long ago enjoined on the local authorities the task of demolishing certain of the smaller Constantinople mosques. The local authorities themselves added to the list the "Mesjid" of Toclou Ibrahim Dede as being redundant to local requirements, entirely losing sight of the historical and architectural importance attaching to it.

The municipal demolition party have carried out their task so thoroughly that any hope of even a partial restoration of this little old-world edifice is out of the question.

### ANCIENT CABS

GRADUALLY GOING OUT OF  
USE IN LONDON

Mr. Clynes, in a written reply to Major Glyn, who asked for information about the age of taximeter cabs in the Metropolitan area, stated in Parliamentary Debates, that on January 31 there were 794 motor-cabs of old types licensed.

Replying to a question as to the steps the authorities proposed to take to encourage the introduction of modern cabs, Mr. Clynes writes:—

"One hundred and sixty cabs of a new type have been placed in service in London during the last five months, and forty more are expected shortly."



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Gavotte ..... do.  
Menuet ..... Haydn.

Panduro ..... Tarrega.  
Dance ..... Granados.  
Sevilla ..... Albeniz.  
Legende ..... do.

## PRESS IN CHINA

"IMPARTIAL, BUT NOT NEUTRAL"

The "China Critic" of August 22 publishes the following:

Commenting on the recent action taken by the National Government toward the "North China Daily News" and certain foreign correspondents in China, the "New York Herald-Tribune," in an article on July 9, draws attention to the fact that the operation of extrajudicial courts by the Chinese Government at a peculiar disadvantage. "A foreign newspaper man in China," states the journal, "has an irresponsible immunity from prosecution which neither his Chinese colleague nor the foreign commentator in other countries enjoys. He is not subject to Chinese law and can be prosecuted in courts of his own nationality only. If he lives in the legation quarter in Peking or in one of the foreign settlements in Shanghai he lives in a foreign land, completely under foreign jurisdiction. Yet he is likely to take an active part in Chinese politics. It is inconceivable that an American or English newspaper on the European continent, for instance, should carry on a persistent and bitter war against a European government such as the British-owned 'North China Daily News' has waged against the Nationalist Government from its inception."

Continuing the "Herald Tribune" says: "The North China" began by belittling the Nationalists and has continued to magnify every revolt against them and every failure within their ranks. One at least of the proscribed journalists is suspected of having been a participant in conspiracies to overthrow Nanking. His sincerity may be above suspicion; but it seems hardly fair that as a foreigner he should continue to enjoy an immunity which his Chinese associates cannot share. Some of the journalists have been guilty merely of over-skepticism of Nationalist stability, so much so that one may well believe that some offices had begun to be skeptical of their capacity as prophets. Unfortunately, the action of the Chinese government suggests rather the suspicion that they have ably ferreted out unpopular truths."

Considering the date of this editorial, it is to be presumed with reason that its writer had a chance to read "China's Attempt to Muzzle the Foreign Press" before the foregoing remarks were made. The title quoted is that of a pamphlet published and assiduously broadcast by the "North China Daily News." Compared with "China in the Grip of the Reds" and "China Bolshevized," this pamphlet is but a mild phase of the great stupidity to impose half-truths on the public. The first mentioned is a reprint of articles featured by one of "North China" and written by one of its correspondents whose present address is the Amoy Road jail. During trial on charges of fraud and forgery, the author admitted that the articles were prepared under the instruction of the British secret service and included many things that were not true. Interest in this great work of deception has recently been revived, but unfortunately the book is suddenly "out of print." "China Bolshevized," written by a missionary who had ventured into the field of commercial advertising, is likewise a reprint of articles first serially published in the "North China Daily News." It, too, won for its author some notoriety. "China's Attempt to Muzzle the Foreign Press" is no doubt, but a mild follow-up, but judging from the comments quoted above it can hardly stop the thinking public from detecting the North China's perversion of the laudable phrase "impartial but not neutral." Sure enough, it is an impossible task to deceive all people at all times.

A Spanish Royal decree establishes a tax of 8d. payable every three months, on crystal sets and a quarterly tax on valve sets of 3s. 4d. A 5 per cent. ad valorem tax is to be levied on transmitting apparatus.

## TAIPO TRESPASS

TWO SUMMONSES AGAINST MR. BRAYFIELD

## AN OLD FEUD ALLEGED

"The administration shall make and maintain for the accommodation of the owners and occupiers of lands adjoining any railway—

(1) convenient crossings, bridges, arches, culverts, and passages over, under, or by the sides of, or leading to or from such railway for the purpose of making good any interruptions caused by the railway to the use of the lands through which such railway is made; and"

The foregoing, being a part of section 11 of Ordinance No. 21 of 1909 (the Railways Ordinance) was relied on by the defence yesterday during the hearing of a summons against Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, a resident of Taiipo, taken out by Mr. Robert Baker, M.Inst.C.E., Manager and Chief Engineer, Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section).

Mr. J. A. Fraser M.C. (Spendiary) Police Magistrate in the New Territories (North), heard the case at the Court in the Taiipo Land Office.

Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for Mr. Brayfield.

There were two summonses, as follows:—

"On August 23, did wilfully ride or lead a horse alongside the railway, contrary to section 51 of the Railways Ordinance, and"

"On August 25, did wilfully damage a padlock belonging to the Railway, contrary to section 56."

Mr. Prior pleaded "not guilty" to both charges. After evidence had been heard and both sides had argued, his Worship convicted on the first summons and discharged Mr. Brayfield on the second summons, finding that the damage was very slight and not proven. For the first offence, a fine of \$10 was imposed. In view of its dangerous nature, his Worship added, he found Mr. Brayfield over in a sum of \$100 not to do the same thing for a year.

## Evidence of Trespass

Fan Kam-look, booking clerk of the Taiipo station of the Railway, was the only witness called by Mr. Baker to prove the first charge. Mr. Baker desired to read, or quote from, a report sent to the Traffic Manager, but this was ruled out by his Worship.

Witness then said that at 6.35 a.m. on August 23 his attention was drawn to the railway line. He saw Mr. Brayfield leading a horse, approaching him along the middle path between the two tracks. Mr. Brayfield reached the platform, mounted and rode towards the sea. About 20 minutes later, Mr. Brayfield returned on horseback, by the way he had gone, came into the station, and went outside by the wooden gate to the road.

## "Abuse of the Court"

Before cross-examining, Mr. Prior said that he was surprised that Mr. Baker was not going into the witness box. The case for the defence was very simple. It was based on two points and he, Mr. Prior, submitted that there was no merit in either summons.

His Worship said that this could be discussed later.

Mr. Prior replied that he desired to cross-examine Mr. Baker. There must be a right of way, he argued, which it is the duty of the railway administration to provide.

After his Worship had intimated to Mr. Prior that the defence could not choose the way in which the prosecution was conducted, Mr. Prior quoted from Stone's "Justice's Manual" and argued that he could call Mr. Baker, adding "the summonses are an abuse of your Worship's Court."

The Magistrate: I don't think you are entitled to say that yet.

## Ownership of Pier

Reference was made to several cases of very serious damage to the Railway by cattle; and Mr. Baker announced that there were no special circumstances in the case. He was trying, he said, to prevent trespassing.

Mr. Prior then read the section of the Railways Ordinance mentioned. He pointed out that on the other side of the railway to Mr. Brayfield's house is a public pier which, Mr. Prior said, had been maintained by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Baker denied that the pier belonged to the P.W.D. and, subsequently, produced notices to show that it was the private property of the Railway.

To Amuse Boy Scouts In regard to the pier, his Worship asked what it had to do with Mr. Brayfield's horse.

Mr. Prior: How was he to get his horse to the pier?

The Magistrate: Why does he want to get it there?

Mr. Prior: For any lawful purpose. On one occasion he wanted to amuse some Boy Scouts by showing them how his horse could swim. It is up to the Railway to provide a route through the station to the pier.

Further, Mr. Prior alleged that the shore was also a public shore. "Mr. Baker puts obstacles in the way, apparently without rhyme and reason."

"If I wanted to get to the pier," his Worship said, "I should go by the road through the station."

## "Long Standing Feud"

"This extraordinary summons has been taken out simply for personal reasons, in the furtherance of a long standing (what I may call) feud. It was early in the morning and there were no trains, and no question of trouble or a nuisance. I call Mr. Baker," Mr. Prior continued.

Mr. Baker declined to give evidence unless he was legally represented. His Worship announced that Mr. Baker was entitled to notice. Mr. Prior thereupon applied for a subpoena. "Isn't he entitled to reasonable notice?" his Worship asked.

Mr. Prior then read section 15 (sub-section 1) of Ordinance No. 3 of 1890 (the Magistrates Ordinance) as follows:—

"If he (the defendant) does not admit the truth of the complaint or information, then the magistrate shall proceed to hear upon oath the complainant or informant, and such witnesses as may be produced."

## Must Give Evidence

His Worship decided the point in favour of the defence, adding "I am afraid that is the case, Mr. Baker."

Mr. Baker: Very good sir, but I am entitled to obtain legal assistance.

The Magistrate: I see no reason why you shouldn't go into the box.

Prior to this, his Worship had suggested that Mr. Baker appeared as prosecutor or as representative of the Railway and could not, therefore, be called. Mr. Prior argued that he, as the Manager, could not, as counsel could, "represent" the Railway; and that the complainant mentioned in the summons was the manager. As complainant, he was liable to be called.

## Mr. Baker in the Box

Mr. Prior (to Mr. Baker, on oath): What was the purpose of your taking out this summons?—In order to prevent trespass by cattle on the line.

So then cattle are a danger to passing railway traffic?—They are. Do you think that Mr. Brayfield in this case was a danger to passing traffic?—No.

I put it to you that this summons was taken out in furtherance of a private feud between you and Mr. Brayfield, and for no other purpose?—That is not correct.

You know that Mr. Brayfield has been in the habit of riding his horse along the line for some time?—We have had to clean up after them. We have had to take away the bodies of cattle.

Do you think that there is any danger of Mr. Brayfield or his horse becoming bodias?—I do. Through a locomotive?—Yes.

## Gates Locked

Up to a short time ago there were railings to the seaward side of Taiipo Station?—Yes.

Those railings have been removed?—Yes, because they were rotten. They were made of iron. I did not put them there and to my mind they served no useful purpose.

Were they dangerous?—They were falling down, they were rotting through.

They have not been replaced?—Not yet.

A short time ago it was possible for a person to cross the line from Mr. Brayfield's house to the pier?—Yes.

Lately all those gates have been locked?—Two gates belonging to the railway buildings have been locked. There are several other passages.

It would be almost impossible to take a horse along one of those passages?—Yes, but cattle do get down.

Mr. Prior also asked Mr. Baker if he had cut off Mr. Brayfield's water supply some time ago, but Mr. Baker refused to answer that question.

His Worship upheld him on the ground that it had nothing to do with the case.

## Access by Trespass

Mr. Prior: My case is that Mr. Baker is using his position of authority and the process of this Court for his own purposes.

Mr. Baker: Which I deny.

Mr. Prior (to Mr. Baker): How can Mr. Brayfield get his horse to the pier?—He's not supposed to. The pier's not built for that.

Suppose he keeps pigs, can he take them to the pier?—For transshipping them, yes. There is a fee for that.

Payable to whom?—To the railway.

Mr. Baker produced documents to show that the pier is the property of the Railway. The pier and the land have been debited to the capital cost of the Railway.

Mr. Prior: There is no public crossing at Taiipo?—There is.

Explain them to me?—By trespassing.

Permission is given by your agents for people to do so?—Yes.

Isn't it reasonable that if people can get permission to walk along there, Mr. Brayfield can get permission to ride along there?—No, it's against orders.

So is walking?—There are notices forbidding people to ride along there.

## "Like a Rat in Trap"

In reply to the second summons, Mr. Prior said that Mr. Brayfield "most strenuously denies he damaged the padlock."

Evidence for complainant was given by Kong Mok (watchman) and the booking clerk who had already testified in the first case.

At one stage, the Magistrate asked if a trap had been laid on the night of August 25 and Mr. Baker agreed that one had, in order to find out who had been breaking padlocks recently.

One of the witnesses said that Mr. Brayfield, after replacing a padlock on the gate in question, climbed over another (iron) gate. To this, his Worship remarked to Mr. Brayfield that he must have been very active at that time. Mr. Brayfield replied softly, from his seat, "I was like a rat in a trap."

## "40 Cents a Dozen"

Mr. Prior submitted that there was no proof that Mr. Brayfield had damaged the padlock and the exhibit in Court did not appear to have been damaged.

His Worship decided that there was a case to answer. Mr. Prior then called Mr. H. A. Rodgers, of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., who was Mr. Brayfield's guest on the evening of August 25 and followed Mr. Brayfield, at a distance, through the gate.

Mr. Brayfield also gave evidence. He remarked, in the witness box that the exhibit was a very cheap piece of machinery and a very poor type of lock even for the dimensions of the exhibit, also that there was a Chinese character on the exhibit and that this, might read "40 cents a dozen." (Laughter.)

## Argument

Mr. Prior quoted Halsbury for the construction to be placed upon "any other matter or thing belonging to the railway" in section 56 of the Ordinance. He argued that this phrase did not include a padlock and, he asked "Is a padlock a part of a railway station?" He also submitted that it is natural for a person to pull at a lock on a gate, hoping that it is only shut to and not locked, and pointed out that the lock came off in Mr. Brayfield's hands. His Worship observed that Mr. Brayfield had admitted pulling twice.

Mr. Baker submitted, in his reply, that some misunderstanding appeared to exist with regard to railway property. The railway had bought it from the Government and it was private land. The railway was entitled to lock its gates if it wished. Other stations like Kowloon (and elsewhere) were locked and no one even noticed it. Only a few years ago, the railway had watchmen at every station.

## Inciting Others

Mr. Brayfield, continued Mr. Baker, was an educated man. The railway would not think so badly of the offence if it were committed by an ignorant person.

His Worship, giving his decision, said he could not find any reason why Mr. Brayfield should ride along the railway. It had been stated that he had gone along to see some Boy Scouts but that was not sufficient. And his doing so would incite others to do the same. He convicted on the first charge but found Mr. Brayfield not guilty of the second. The fine at a bond were as stated.

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## LILIUS CASE

ALLEGED FRAUDS ON SHOP KEEPER

## FURTHER EVIDENCE

Yesterday evidence for the prosecution was concluded before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, in the case in which Aiko E. Lilius, an American citizen, and described as a journalist, is charged with a series of six alleged frauds on various Kowloon shops.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, who appeared for the defence, at the conclusion of evidence, submitted that he had no case to answer, but the Magistrate overruled him.

Accused then gave evidence. He claimed to be a journalist of repute, a photographer above the average ability, and an author. He was connected with Press Associations in different parts of the world, and his work appeared in Home papers, like the "Illustrated London News" and the "Daily Mirror." Books and articles which he wrote were also published in Sweden and other European countries, as well as in America.

He (accused) always had to wait for payment for his articles, and he had obtained credit in Hong Kong in the same way as any other person obtained credit here.

## Free Passages

Lilius then went into details of his movements since arriving here on the s.s. "Taiyo Maru" from Yokohama on May 20. He had a free return passage valid until September 1, because he did some publicity work for the shipping company. He stayed at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, on the arrangement that he would settle his accounts whenever his money arrived from abroad. What money he had with him he reserved for his travelling expenses in connection with his work.

Accused also said that he had worked at the Colonial Secretary's Office here studying certain matters in connection with his work, and had frequently visited Macao and Canton in that same connection. In these movements he had never been hindered by the hotel officials. Lilius added that for the purpose of a book which he was writing, he was making investigations with regard to pirates.

Speaking about moneys he received for his contributions to various papers, Lilius said that in June he received remittances amounting to about \$700 from various sources, including about \$70 from the "Hong Kong Telegraph." During July and August he had expected to receive further remittances amounting to between \$1,400 and \$2,000. His contributions were always accepted, but sometimes there was delay in their publication.

The case was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

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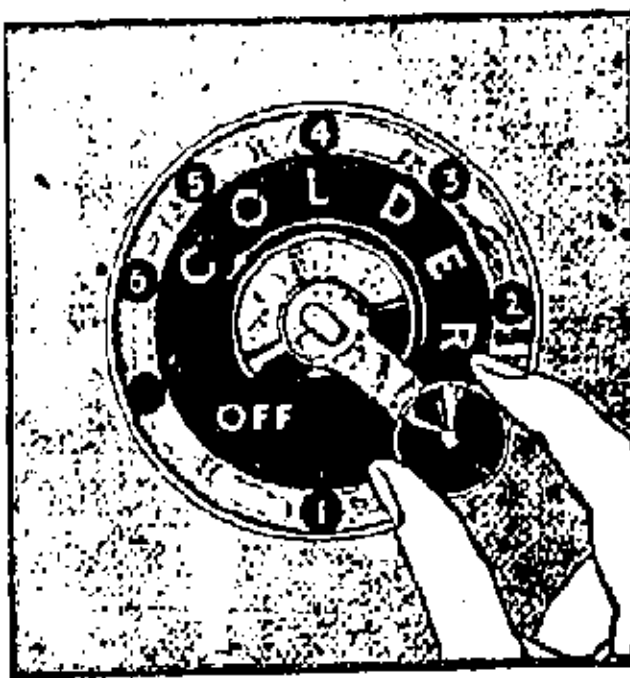
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In criminal annals a dastardly affair is reported from a village near Fanling, a full story concerning which appears in the "Overland China Mail."

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## COUNCIL TOPICS

### SHING MUN VALLEY WATER SCHEME

#### HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

Speaking at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday the Colonial Secretary said:

In rising to move the next motion standing in my name I would ask Hon. Members to look at the two following motions as my remarks will apply in general to all three motions.

As Hon. Members are aware the second portion of the Public Works (1927) Loan was raised at the end of last year. Up to that point our expenditure on loan works had been somewhat complicated though the various steps had been taken with the full concurrence of the Council. We commenced the works out of surplus balances and in 1927 we raised a portion of the loan, financing the works partly from loan, partly from Surplus Balances and partly from contributions from the Wharf and Godown Company and from the Imperial Government. On raising the second portion of the loan in 1928 we reimbursed our Surplus Balances and financed the work from Loan Funds and the contributions referred to so far as we could. Now we have reached the stage when, pending the raising of a further loan we are obliged to draw on our Surplus Balances again.

The question of the size and date of the future loan and of the currency in which it should be issued are at present under consideration.

The position as it now stands is set out in Appendices VI. and VII. of the Draft Estimates for 1930, and this and the two following motions are for the purpose of clarifying the position and of obtaining the Council's formal approval of the allocation of the sums set out in the schedule and in particular the Council's approval of the expenditure of the sums required from Surplus Balances during the current year and during 1930. Of the works themselves I think it is hardly necessary for me to speak, for they have all been explained fully to the Council from time to time and have received the Council's approval. The Waterworks with which alone the first resolution is concerned have moreover been fully dealt with by Your Excellency in your address this afternoon. It will be seen that we do not require to draw on our Surplus Balances for the Shing Mun Scheme until next year.

I now move—  
(a) That this Council approves the construction of the works connected with the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme as set out in Appendix VI (a), Head 1, Sub-Head 1, of the draft Estimates of expenditure for 1930 at an estimated cost of \$4,158,500.00.

(b) That this Council approves of a sum of \$3,500,000 out of the said sum of \$4,158,500.00 being charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan, and further sanctions the expenditure of \$2,221,876.42 actually incurred up to December 31, 1928, the expenditure of \$1,122,274.19 estimated to be incurred during the financial year 1929 and expenditure of \$85,849.39 estimated to be incurred during the financial year 1930, which three last mentioned sums amount in all to the aforesaid sum of \$3,500,000.

(c) That this Council approves the expenditure of a further sum of \$670,150.61 on the said Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme during the financial year 1930, which sum shall be met from a further loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

#### Harbour Development

In rising to move the second of this group of motions I might inform the Council that the contemplated Harbour Development is now completed. It consisted an Honorable Member will remember of the dredging of certain areas for the double purpose of improving the Harbour and of providing filling for the Kai Tak reclamation.

I now move—

That this Council approves the expenditure of a sum of \$1,197,712.26 on Harbour Development as set out in Appendix VI (a), Head 2, Sub-head 1, of the draft Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1930 and authorises this sum to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan, and further sanctions the expenditure out of this sum of the sum of \$403,729.03 actually incurred to December 31, 1928, and of the sum of \$1,041,153 estimated to be incurred in the financial year 1929.

#### Aerodrome

As regards the Aerodrome I regret to have to inform the Council that this Government has been unable to induce the Imperial Government to increase its contribution beyond the £100,000 already promised. The greater part of the cost of the Aerodrome, therefore, falls to be borne by Colonial Funds and the amount originally provided in the Loan in the expectation of a larger contribution from the Home Government has proved inadequate. The completion of the Aerodrome which will ultimately involve buildings of considerable extent if air services develop as we expect them to develop, will be a liability on the future loan. Meanwhile we are completing the reclamation and proceeding cautiously as regards any buildings but even so it is necessary to ask for this Council's approval of an expenditure of \$438,000 this year and \$249,500 next year from the surplus balances of the Colony to be reimbursed from a loan to be raised at a future date.

I move—

(a) That this Council approves the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome at an estimated total cost of \$1,689,467, exclusive of contributions from His Majesty's Government, as set out in Appendix VI (a), Head 2, Sub-head 2, of the draft Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1930.

(b) That this Council authorises the sum of \$1,080,224 out of the said sum of \$1,689,467 to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan and sanc-

## MONEY AND SHARES

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

| On London—                            |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bank, wire .....                      | 1/11 1/2     |
| Bank, on demand .....                 | 1/11 3/16    |
| Bank, 30 days' sight .....            | —            |
| Bank, 4 months' sight .....           | 1/11 1/2     |
| Credits, 4 months' sight .....        | 2/- 1/2      |
| Documentary 4 months' sight .....     | 2/- 1/2      |
| On Paris—                             |              |
| On demand .....                       | 1197 1/2     |
| Credits, 4 months' sight .....        | 1272 1/2     |
| On Berlin—                            |              |
| On demand .....                       | —            |
| On New York—                          |              |
| On demand .....                       | 46 1/2       |
| Credits, 60 days' sight .....         | 43 1/2       |
| On Bombay—                            |              |
| Wire .....                            | 129 1/2      |
| On demand .....                       | 129 1/2      |
| On Calcutta—                          |              |
| Wire .....                            | 129 1/2      |
| On demand .....                       | 129 1/2      |
| On Singapore—                         |              |
| On demand .....                       | 33 1/2       |
| On Manila—                            |              |
| On demand .....                       | 94           |
| On Shanghai—                          |              |
| On demand .....                       | 82 1/4       |
| 30 day's sight (private paper) .....  | —            |
| On Yokohama—                          |              |
| On demand .....                       | 100          |
| Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) .....  | —            |
| Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... | 10.00        |
| Silver (per oz.) .....                | 24 1/2       |
| Rar Silver in Hong Kong .....         | 3% dis.      |
| Copper Cash .....                     | Nominal      |
| Copper Cents .....                    | 3% Prem.     |
| Rate of Native Interest .....         | 7% p.a.      |
| Chinese Sub. Coin .....               | 25 1/2% dis. |
| Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.              | —            |

### LONDON EXCHANGES

| London, Yesterday.   |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Paris .....          | 123.875    |
| New York .....       | 4.84 23/32 |
| Brussels .....       | 34.95      |
| Geneva .....         | 25.185     |
| Amsterdam .....      | 12.09 1/4  |
| Milan .....          | 92.655     |
| Berlin .....         | 20.37      |
| Stockholm .....      | 18.10      |
| Copenhagen .....     | 18.215     |
| Oslo .....           | 13.205     |
| Vienna .....         | 34.44      |
| Prague .....         | 163 1/4    |
| Helsingfors .....    | 193        |
| Madrid .....         | 32.905     |
| Lisbon .....         | 108.20     |
| Athens .....         | 375        |
| Bucharest .....      | 819        |
| Rio .....            | 57 1/2     |
| Buenos Aires .....   | 47 7/32    |
| Bombay .....         | 1/5 1/4    |
| Shanghai .....       | 2/4 1/4    |
| Hong Kong .....      | 1/11 1/2   |
| Yokohama .....       | 1/11 3/32  |
| Silver Spot .....    | 24 1/2     |
| Silver Forward ..... | 24 3/16    |

—British Wireless Service.

That this Council approves the expenditure of this sum of \$1,080,224 from loan funds during the financial year 1929.

(c) That this Council authorises in respect of this work an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony of the sum of \$78,114.17 in the financial year 1929, of the sum of \$466,000.00 in the financial year 1930, and of the sum of \$249,500.00 in the financial year 1930 of which sums \$297,000.00 is due to be recovered from His Majesty's Government and the balance shall be met from a future loan.

#### Aberdeen

Hon. Members will, no doubt, remember that on May 2 last they approved the undertaking of the Aberdeen Water Scheme at an estimated cost of \$2,700,000 and the expenditure of a sum of \$550,000 during the current year. The work is in progress and I have now to ask the Council to approve the appropriation of a further sum of \$1,000,000 to continue the work next year. The scheme is well known to all Hon. Members and needs, I think, no further explanation from me. I therefore move—

That with reference to the resolution passed on May 2, 1929, this Council approves the expenditure of a sum of \$1,000,000 during the financial year 1930 on the Aberdeen Water Scheme, the cost to be met from a future loan, and meanwhile to be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

#### Amendments

Amendments passed by the Council, proposed by Sir Henry Pollock and seconded by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, asked for consideration of all the above motions to be deferred until the next meeting of the Council, which will be held on September 19, in order that Unofficial members of the Council would be able to study the details concerned.

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#### REVIVAL OF "EAST AND WEST" DRAMA

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### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

| T.T. on London .....         | 1/11 1/2               |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| T.T. on Shanghai .....       | 83 1/2                 |
| Banks                        |                        |
| H.K. Bank .....              | \$1230 n               |
| H.K. London Reg. ....        | \$126 1/2 n            |
| Chartered Bank .....         | \$20 b                 |
| Mercantile A. & B. ....      | \$23 1/4 n             |
| Mercantile C. ....           | \$15 1/4 n             |
| P. & O. Bank .....           | —                      |
| Bank of East Asia .....      | \$90 1/2 n             |
| Insurances                   |                        |
| Canton Insurance .....       | \$630 n                |
| Union Insurance .....        | \$330 n                |
| North China Insurance ..     | \$160 b                |
| Yangtze Insurance .....      | \$450 n                |
| China Underwriters .....     | \$2 n                  |
| China Fire Insurance .....   | \$310 b                |
| H.K. Fire Insurance .....    | \$760 s                |
| Shipping                     |                        |
| Douglases .....              | \$27 1/2 n             |
| H.K. Steamboats .....        | \$25 n                 |
| H.K. Tugs & Lighters .....   | \$45 s                 |
| Indo-Chinas (Pref.) .....    | \$70 s                 |
| Indo-Chinas (Def.) .....     | \$100/- n              |
| Shell Transports (old) ..... | —                      |
| Shell Transports (new) ..... | \$22 s                 |
| Union Waterboats .....       | \$22 s                 |
| Mining                       |                        |
| Benguets .....               | \$3.15 b               |
| Kailan Mining Ad. ....       | \$2/6 n                |
| Langkats (comb.) .....       | \$14 n                 |
| Langkats (single) .....      | \$9 1/4 n              |
| Shanghai Exploration .....   | \$1.40 n               |
| Shanghai Loans .....         | \$4 1/4 n              |
| Raults .....                 | \$9 1/2 b              |
| Trenoh Mines .....           | \$1/- b                |
| Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c. |                        |
| H.K. Wharves .....           | \$129 b                |
| H.K. & W. Docks .....        | \$32 1/4 n             |
| China Providents .....       | \$4.30 b               |
| Hongkew .....                | \$134 n                |
| New Engineering .....        | \$7.30 b               |
| Shanghai Docks .....         | \$142 b                |
| Cotton Mills                 |                        |
| Ewo Colons .....             | \$17.80 b 18.05 s      |
| Shanghai Cottons (old) ..    | \$18 1/2 sa            |
| Shanghai Cottons (new) ..    | \$18 1/2 b             |
| Zoong Sings .....            | \$11 b                 |
| Lands, Hotels & Buildings    |                        |
| H.K. & S. Hotels .....       | \$8.60 b               |
| H.K. Lands .....             | \$60 1/2 s 60/60.10 sa |
| Shanghai Lands .....         | \$154 b                |
| Humphreys' Estates .....     | \$14.10 b              |
| H.K. Realities .....         | \$8 b 8.10 sa          |
| Chinese Estates .....        | \$98 s                 |
| H.K. Territorials .....      | —                      |
| Public Utilities             |                        |
| H.K. Tramways .....          | \$18.30 b              |
| Peak Trams (old) .....       | \$11.80 s              |
| Peak Trams (new) .....       | \$5.05 n               |
| Star Ferries .....           | \$66 b                 |
| China Lights (comb.) .....   | —                      |
| China Lights (old) .....     | \$13 b                 |
| China Lights (new) .....     | \$12 1/4 b             |
| China Lights 1928 issue ..   | —                      |
| H.K. Electric (old) .....    | \$59 1/2 b             |
| H.K. Electric (new) .....    | —                      |
| Macao Electric .....         | \$23 b                 |
| H.K. Telephones .....        | \$6.90 b               |
| China Buses .....            | \$14 1/4 b             |
| Singapore Tractions .....    | \$11/- s               |
| Singapore Pref. ....         | \$20/- b               |
| Sandakan Lts. ....           | \$3 1/2 s              |
| Industrials                  |                        |
| China Sugars .....           | 95 cts. s              |
| Malabon Sugars .....         | \$27 n                 |
| Canton Ice .....             | \$2 n                  |
| Cements (comb.) .....        | \$8.95 b               |
| Cements (old) .....          | \$7.78 b               |
| Cements (new) .....          | \$1.20 n               |
| H.K. Ropes (old) .....       | \$5.55 b               |
| H.K. Ropes (new) .....       | —                      |
| United Asbestos .....        | \$5 b                  |
| Stores, &c.                  |                        |
| Dairy Farms .....            | \$19.00 n              |
| Watsons .....                | \$11.80 b              |
| Der A. Wings .....           | 80 cts. n              |
| Lane Crawford .....          | \$1.15 n               |
| Mackintosh .....             | \$18 b                 |
| Sinceres .....               | \$12 n                 |
| Wm. Powells .....            | \$2 1/4 s              |
| Miscellaneous                |                        |
| H.K. Amusements .....        | \$25 1/2 s             |
| H.K. Constructions .....     | \$1.55 n               |
| B. Ind. G.S. Bonds .....     | \$4 1/4% n             |
| H.K. Govt. Loans .....       | 7 1/2% s prem.         |

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## JAZZ CRAZE

### SIR LANDON RONALD ON MUSIC TO-DAY

#### BRITAIN'S VIGOROUS ACTIVITY

Sir Landon Ronald, the composer and conductor, giving the last lecture at the British Music Industries Convention at Folkestone, said there were those who told us that we were not a musical nation, but he could not see how anyone, knowing our history and our musical activity of the present day, could dismiss us as not being a musical nation.

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# Sport Columns

## ATHLETIC MEETING

### THREE-DAY CONTESTS OPEN TO-DAY AT NORTH POINT

#### THE TROPHIES

The first effort of its kind in the Colony—a three-day athletic and aquatic contests—will commence this afternoon at a specially built stadium at North Point. The sports are held under the aegis of the Chinese Athletic Association, and Chinese sportsmen have been invited from Canton, Shanghai and Singapore.

The trophies, which are on show at The Sun Company, are donated by the proprietor of the famous "Tiger" patent medicines.

They are all of massive silverware, and the array of beautiful and costly prizes occupy the whole of the front show window of the Sun Company. They include description. There are two huge silver shields, with raised figures, and there are larger silver figures of men playing football, tennis, volleyball and cricket. Massive silver footballs, tennis balls and cricket balls, together with numerous cups and medals, go to make up the complete list.

#### The Programme

The programme for the C.A.A.'s first athletic meeting is as follows:—

#### FIRST DAY, (TO-DAY)

##### Track, Field & Volley Ball

- 2.00 p.m. Flat Race 100 m. (Heat).  
 15 " Shot Put (Heat).  
 Flat Race 200 m. (Heat).  
 2.30 " Long Jump (Final).  
 Lion Exhibition (N.M.A.).  
 3.00 " Flat Race 1,500 metres (Final).  
 15 " High Jump (Heat).  
 3.45 " High Hurdle (Heat).  
 4.00 " Volley Ball (C.A.A. vs. I.U.A.).  
 4.45 " Team Race.  
 8.00 p.m. 50 metres Free Style (Heat).  
 20 " 200 metres Breast Stroke (Heat).  
 8.50 " 400 metres Free Style (Heat).  
 9.20 " Ladies' Free Style (Heat).  
 40 " 200 m. Free Style (Heat).  
 10.00 " 100 m. Free Style (Heat).  
 10.15 " 100 m. Free Style (Open) (Heat).  
 30 " Water Polo (S.C.A. vs. F.K.A.).

#### SECOND DAY (TO-MORROW)

##### Track & Field Competition

- 2.00 p.m. Flat Race 100 m.  
 15 " Pole Jump (Final).  
 45 " Flat Race 200 m. (Final).  
 Chinese Boxing Exhibition (C.M.A.).  
 3.15 " Basket Ball Match.  
 Throwing the Discus (Final).  
 Lion Exhibition (N.M.A.).  
 3.30 " High Hurdle (Final).  
 45 " Flat Race 800 m. (Final).  
 4.00 " Low Hurdle (Heat).  
 Volley Ball (T.K.A. vs. Y.S.A.).  
 4.15 " Open Team Race, 1,500 m. (Final).  
 30 " Foot Ball Exhibition (C.A.A. vs. S.L.I.F.).  
 8.00 p.m. Swimming Water Polo Competition  
 50 metres Free Style (Semi-final).  
 15 " 200 metres Breast Stroke.  
 30 " 100 metres Free Style (Semi-final).  
 45 " 100 metres Back Stroke (Heat).  
 9.00 " 100 metres Free Style (Open) (Final).  
 15 " Fancy Dive.  
 45 " 200 metres Free Style (Final).  
 10.00 " Team Race (Final).  
 20 " Water Polo (Singapore team vs. T.S.A.).

#### THIRD DAY—SUNDAY

##### Finals

##### Track, Field and Football Competition

- 10.00 a.m. Flat Race, 100 metres.  
 10.15 " Throwing the Discus.  
 30 " Flat Race, 400 metres.  
 Basket Ball.  
 Long Jump.  
 11.00 " Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Display.

## HOME RACING

### FINAL ACCEPTANCES FOR CLASSIC RACE

#### THE ST. LEGER

London, Yesterday. The final acceptances for the St. Leger race are as follows:—

Cavendo, Penny Come Quick, Trigo, Hotweed, Bosworth, Totalisator, Posterity, Haste Away, Lemoncur, Mr. Jinks, Tom Pear Tree, Horus, Foss Pertuis, Engarde, Brienz, Cuttlefish, and Defoe.—Reuter.

[Trigo won the Derby this year.]

#### LATEST QUOTATIONS

Mr. Frank Haytor's latest quotations are:—

- 4-1 Hotweed.  
 8-1 Penny Come Quick.  
 8-1 Trigo.  
 10-1 Posterity.  
 10-1 Brienz.  
 14-1 Haste Away.  
 18-1 Tom Pear Tree.  
 20-1 Defoe.  
 20-1 Bosworth.  
 20-1 En Garde.  
 25-1 Cavendo.  
 30-1 Lemon Car.  
 33-1 Totalisator.  
 33-1 Horus.  
 50-1 Cuttlefish.  
 66-1 Foss Pertuis (?).  
 100-6 Mr. Jinks.

## TOLLEY BEATEN

### ANOTHER SURPRISE IN U.S. GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

#### A "WILLING" WIN

Del Monte (California), Yesterday. In the third round of the American amateur golf championship, Dr. Willing beat Tolley, by 4 up, 3 to play.—Reuter.

[In yesterday's play Tolley defeated Eddie Held, the Canadian amateur champion, by 7 up, 6 to play. The championship is being played on the Pebble Beach course, Del Monte, California.]

## FOOTBALL

### TWO SOUTHERN LEAGUE MATCHES

#### SWINDON'S NARROW VICTORY

London, Yesterday. On a Southern League Match today Newport County defeated Swindon 2-1, and Queen's Park drew with Walsall, two goals each.—Reuter.

- 4.45 " Throwing the Javelin (6 events).  
 Noon Low Hurdle.  
 12.15 p.m. Flat Race 200 metres.  
 30 " High Jump.  
 1.00-2.00 Interval.  
 Chinese Boxing Exhibition (S.C.A.A.).  
 Lion Exhibition (N.M.A.).  
 2.00 p.m. 1,600 metres Team Race.  
 Throwing the Discus.  
 2.15 " Hop and Step Jump.  
 2.30 " Flat Race, 1,500 metres.  
 2.45 " 800 m. Team Race (Open).  
 3.00 " Flat Race, 10,000 m.  
 3.30 " Volley Ball.  
 4.30 " Football Exhibition (C.A.A. vs. Navy).

#### Swimming & Water Polo Competition (Finals)

- 8.00 p.m. Free Style, 50 m.  
 15 " Breast Stroke 200 m.  
 25 " Free Style, 100 metres.  
 35 " 400 metres Free Style.  
 50 " Back Stroke, 100 m.  
 9.00 " Ladies' Free Style, 100 m.  
 9.10 " Team Race, 200 m. (Open).  
 9.30 " Long Distance, 1,500 m.  
 10.00 " Water Polo.

#### FOURTH DAY (MONDAY)

##### Open Swimming Meet

- 9 Events:—  
 1. 50 m. Free Style.  
 2. 100 m. Free Style.  
 3. 200 m. Free Style.  
 4. 200 m. Breast Stroke.  
 5. 100 m. Back Stroke.  
 6. 800 m. Team Race.  
 7. 800 m. Free Style.  
 8. Ladies' 100 m. Breast Stroke.  
 9. Water Polo.

## POLO TROPHY

### BRITAIN BEATS AMERICA IN INTERNATIONAL CUP

#### BY 7 GOALS TO 6

Great Britain recently won the International Cup in Shanghai presented by Sir Peter Grain by defeating America by seven goals to six in one of the most exciting international polo matches witnessed at the Race Course at Shanghai for some time. The score was deadlocked at three periods of the game and Elwes, hardriding No. 1 of the victors, gave England possession of the coveted trophy with a fine goal some minutes before the final whistle.

A huge crowd of spectators witnessed the encounter and excitement was intense. The Americans were slight favourites to win at the start, but right from the first chukker, the English four played a sterling game. The combination of the Americans was not as smooth as shown in previous matches, but on the whole, they played a hard game.

#### England Takes Lead

England went into an early lead, but at the end of the second chukker, the score was tied at two-all. A whirlwind attack by the American four in the next chukker put them two up, but England responded with a like rush that brought the score to four-all at the end of the fourth chukker. Each side scored a pair of goals in the fifth chukker and excitement was intense when the contestants took the field for the sixth and last.

It was a brilliant day for polo and the crowd that turned out to witness the International match were rewarded with some exciting play. The band of the 4th U. S. Marines kept the spectators in a lively mood by rendering snappy selection between chukkers. The teams were:—

England:—Elwes (1); Pollock (2); Robinson (3); McMichael (4).  
 America:—Allman (1); Franklin (2); Fritz (3); Burdick (4).

#### Hard Riding Seen

Both sides attacked in turn from the start, but the defence was good and some hard riding was witnessed. Allman and Elwes were both being carefully guarded and up and down play resulted until towards the end of the first chukker when Elwes, taking a pass from Robinson, clicked in the first goal from about 15 feet out.

England attacked to start the second and the American defence was hard pressed. Following a scrimmage in midfield, McMichael broke loose with the ball and scored a beauty. A few minutes later McMichael was penalized for playing across his pony's legs and Franklin, taking the shot, scored America's first goal. A few minutes after another penalty taken by Franklin resulted in the score being equalized.

#### Whirlwind Attack

America launched a whirlwind attack in the third chukker and Franklin broke through to score from 30 yards. After the throw-in, the ball went towards England's goal and Burdick, racing at top speed, scored from near the goal line but some distance from the goal, with a beautiful shot.

Close play was witnessed in the next chukker but England equalized with a goal by McMichael from 50 yards and another by Pollock from 30 yards.

The fifth was nip-and-tuck. Pollock put England ahead only to have Fritz come back with the equalizer. McMichael again put the victors in the lead, but Franklin scored America's sixth goal.

The last chukker was a ding-dong affair, but Elwes put the matter on ice insofar as England was concerned.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club have withdrawn the licence of O'Sullivan, the trainer, being unsatisfied with his explanation of a horse's running.

The leading batting averages of this season are eighteen runs per man lower than at the same period last year.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

### SPARKLING GLIMPSES OF LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

#### "SHOW PEOPLE"

Crowded houses was the rule at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, when the much-heralded picture, "The Show People," was screened. It fully came up to expectation, depicting a story that was entirely new, and offering interesting glimpses of life in a motion picture studio in that huge, fascinating film capital—Hollywood.

Co-starring Marion Davies as William Haines, their adventures are closely followed as they romp through a simple tale depicting a girl who goes to Hollywood "to break into motion pictures." It is easier said than done, but with the help of Haines, Miss "Pepper" (Marion Davies) eventually rises to stardom.

King Victor, who directs this picture, works the above material into an interesting reel, and he has made use of many incidents in the film capital that have actually occurred.

#### "THE CHINESE PARROT"

"The Chinese Parrot," featuring Marion Nixon and Edmund Burns, will be shown at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow.

The film begins with the murder of a dancer to get a string of under full pearls. The movements of those pearls, "death pearls," are mysterious throughout. A clever Chinese detective, Chan, solves the problem, when, as a servant in the house of three crooks, who have guests Marion Nixon and Burns, he discovers, through the parrot, that Delaney (Phillip Madden) had shot the real Madden, but not fatally. The changer faces Chan is very good, Burns at once recognising that he had come to save the pearls.



Anna May Wong, above, petite Chinese doll of the screen.

## PICNIC FOR BLIND

### APPEAL FOR CARS AND DONATIONS

The St. Peter's Church Branch of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association has in the past two years organised with the assistance of generous friends a summer picnic for the blind girls of the Blind Home, Kowloon. The picnic has taken the nature of a motor ride to Shekko where the girls, generally about 50 in number, are given tea and a small present each.

It has been decided to follow the same plan this year and the picnic will take place on Saturday afternoon, September 21.

The Committee organising the picnic would gratefully welcome the loan of cars or donations. Offers and gifts should be sent to the Rev. N. V. Halward, Bishop's House, St. Paul's College.

## POPULAR PADRE

### CHURCH WORKERS & MALAYAN CLIMATE

Penang, Aug. 19. The Rev. Philip Browning, Chaplain of the Church of England, North Perak, and Mrs. Browning, left Taiping on Sunday en route to England. Mr. Browning is doing a little preaching at Seremban and Malacca before leaving at the end of the month. They are not returning to Malaya.

Mr. Browning, interviewed at Taiping, said that no one was coming to take his place as no suitable person could be induced to come out here owing to the unsuitability of the climate. The reason for their departure was the unsuitability of the climate. During their short stay in Malaya they had been periodically laid up with fever and other tropical ailments and both had been medically advised to go home.

Mr. and Mrs. Browning, who have made themselves popular at Taiping, will be greatly missed. — "Straits Times."

## PASSENGER LIST

### ARRIVALS

Per a.s. "Hakusan Maru" from Japan via Shanghai, September 6:—Miss K. F. Heron, Miss D. E. Heron, Miss D. M. Ivers, T. Goto, Mr. and Mrs. Glassford, T. R. Row, Miss S. L. Summerskell, Miss B. D. Sawyer, Miss Ada M. Williams, Mrs. B. J. Shroff, M. Matsunaga, R. H. Beaton, Mrs. G. Stubbings, Mr. and Mrs. Anstey, J. B. Moppeth.

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## SLAVERY PROBLEMS

### REVIVAL OF SLAVERY COMMITTEE

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Political Affairs Committee presided over by Viscount Cecil, has requested the revival of the former Slavery Committee, in order to examine the general aspects of the question, and to ascertain the causes underlying the non-ratification of the slavery convention by many signatories, and why those countries had not complied with the convention, which required them to supply the League Secretariat with information on the subject.—Reuter.

Rings valued at £117 were stolen from a jeweller's shop in High-street, Sutton, by three motor-car bandits who broke the window with a lump of concrete.

## WARSHIPS HERE

The following are the warships at present in harbour:—  
 At the Basin:—H.M.S. "Tamar," "Moth," "Moonraker" and "Seamew."  
 At the North Arm:—H.M.S. "Stormcloud."  
 In Dock:—H.M.S. "Seraph" and "Serapis" and L19.  
 No. 7 Buoy:—H.M.S. "Sandwich."  
 Foreign Men-of-War  
 U.S. Gunboat "Guam."  
 Japanese Gunboat "Uji."

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

Consignees of cargo ex a.s. "City of Melbourne" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after September 8.

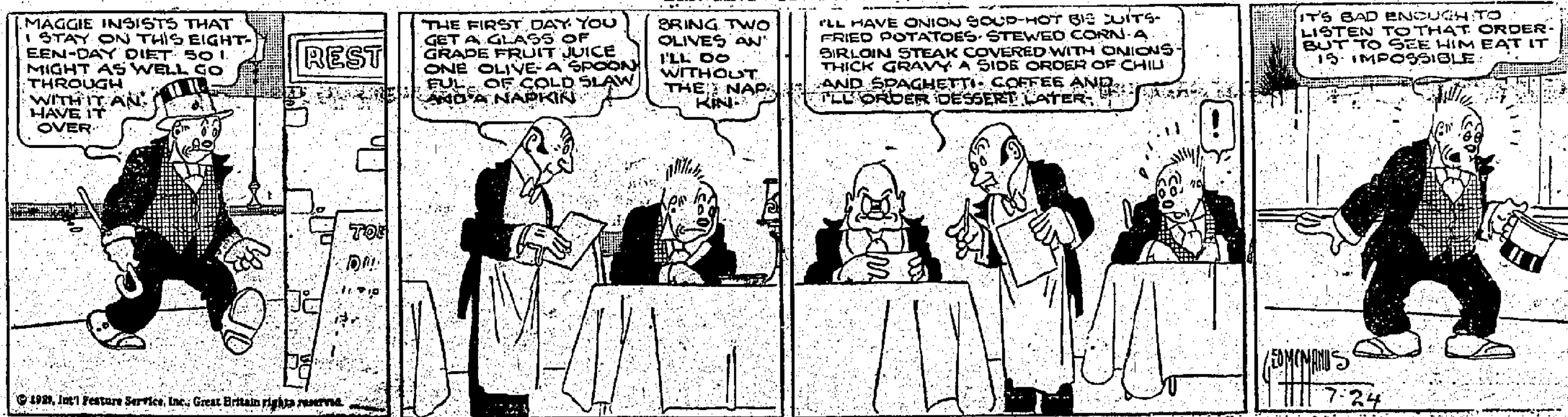
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# World News In Pictures

## His Party's Choice



Representative Fiorello H. La Guardia is to be the regular Republican candidate for the Mayor's job in New York City. He was chosen to lead the ticket by 1,500 delegates from all sections of the city.

## Endurance Mania



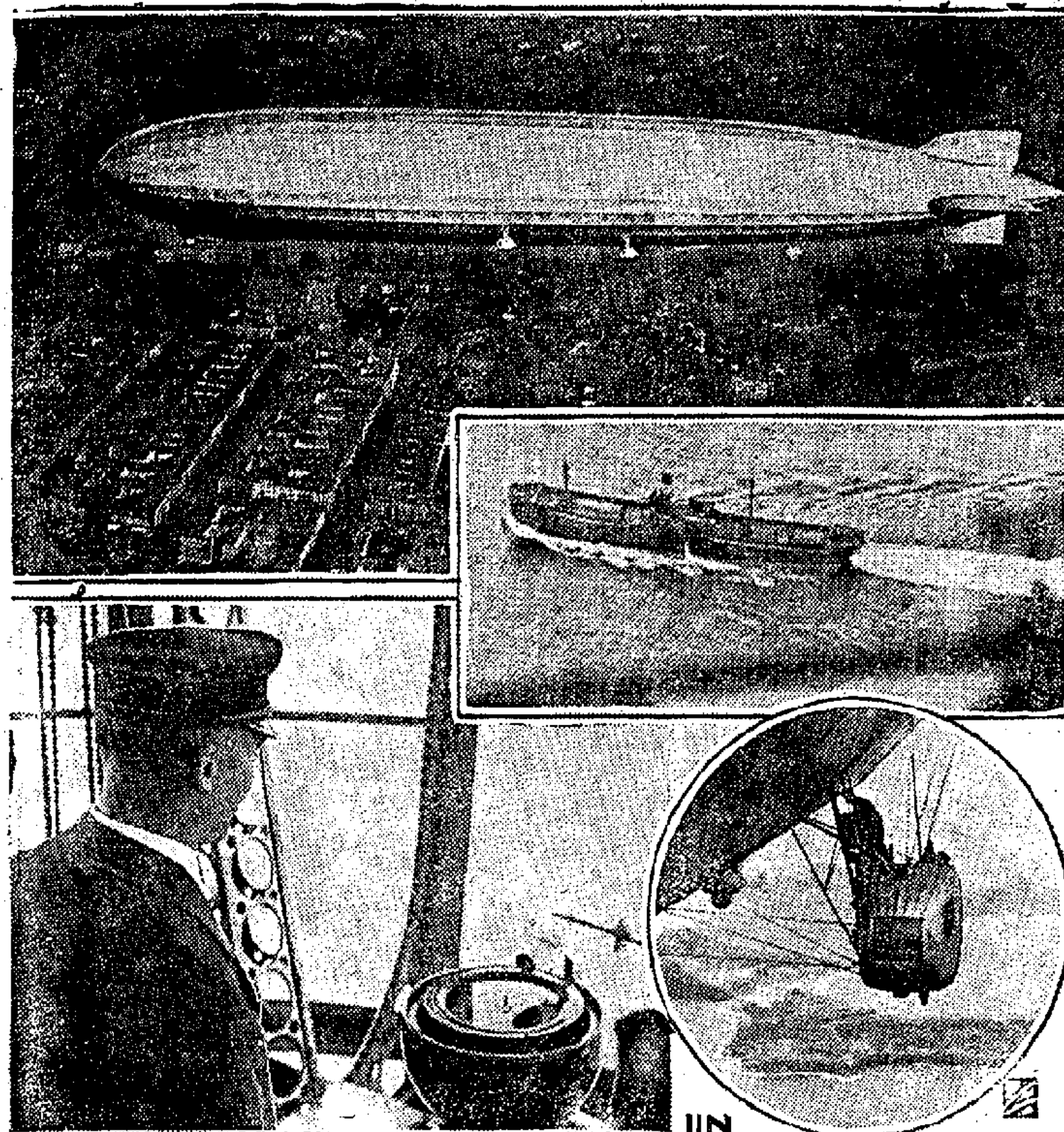
Ruth Wells Barron of Rochester, N.Y., is the latest aviatrix who will try to beat Elinor Smith's record of 29 hours.

## New Game For Bobby



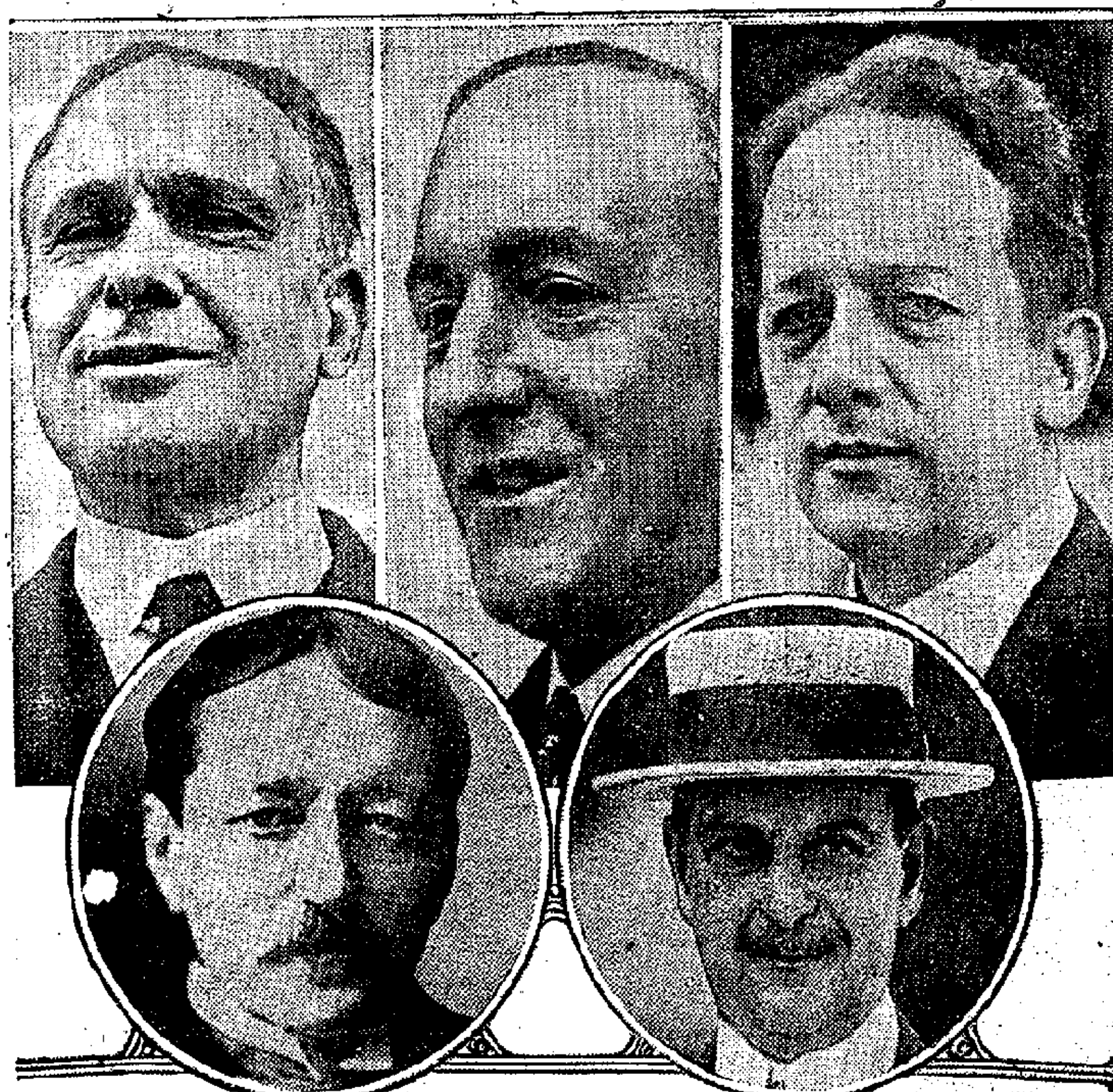
If Bobby Jones, top, plays his political cards as well as he can handle his golf clubs, he will be the man to succeed the late Representative L. J. Steele, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. George Brown who has announced her candidacy for the job will not have a chance.

## Zeppelin Dodges Ocean Storms



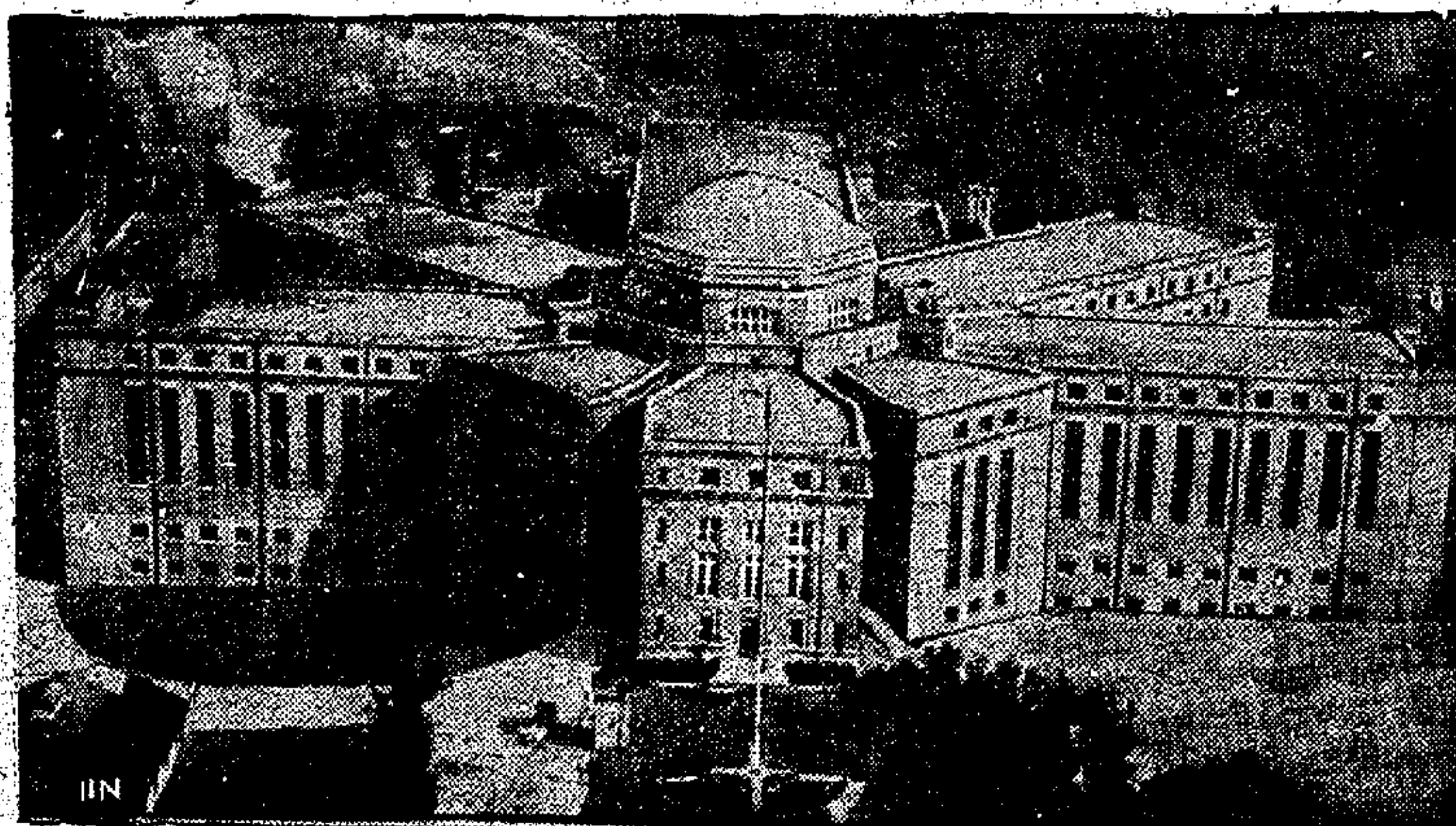
The flight of the "Graf Zeppelin" over the Atlantic to New York on the first leg of her world tour. The "Graf" is shown at top in flight, while below, left, is an inside view of her control room during her trans-Atlantic voyage. Centre, right, shows a ship over which the giant craft passed in the middle of the ocean. Below, right, shows one of the forward motor fuselages taken from the one immediately aft while Zep was in flight.

## Coolidge Men Will Probably Go



Of the fourteen Ambassadors who served under Coolidge, only five are expected to remain at their posts. Among those whose resignations will probably be accepted by President Hoover are Jacob Gould Schurman, left, above, United States Ambassador to Germany; Noble Brandon Judah of Illinois, centre, Ambassador to Cuba; William S. Culbertson of Kansas, right, above, Ambassador to Chile; Charles MacVeagh of New York, left, below, Ambassador to Japan, and Ogden H. Hammond of New Jersey, right, below, Ambassador to Spain.

## Kansas Prison Riot



The third in a series of prison riots occurred at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, an air view of which is shown here, where one prisoner was killed and several injured in a riot which broke out while the inmates were at their noon meal. Evidently, food and too much discipline were the causes and, when the convicts sat down to a meal of Spanish rice for the "thousandth time," rebellion stirred within them and first one complained, then another, until a general riot began, with dynamite explosions which rapidly turned into an inferno. After several hours' battle with the mutineers prison officers finally cornered them in one cell-block and compelled them to surrender.

## Wins Edison Contest



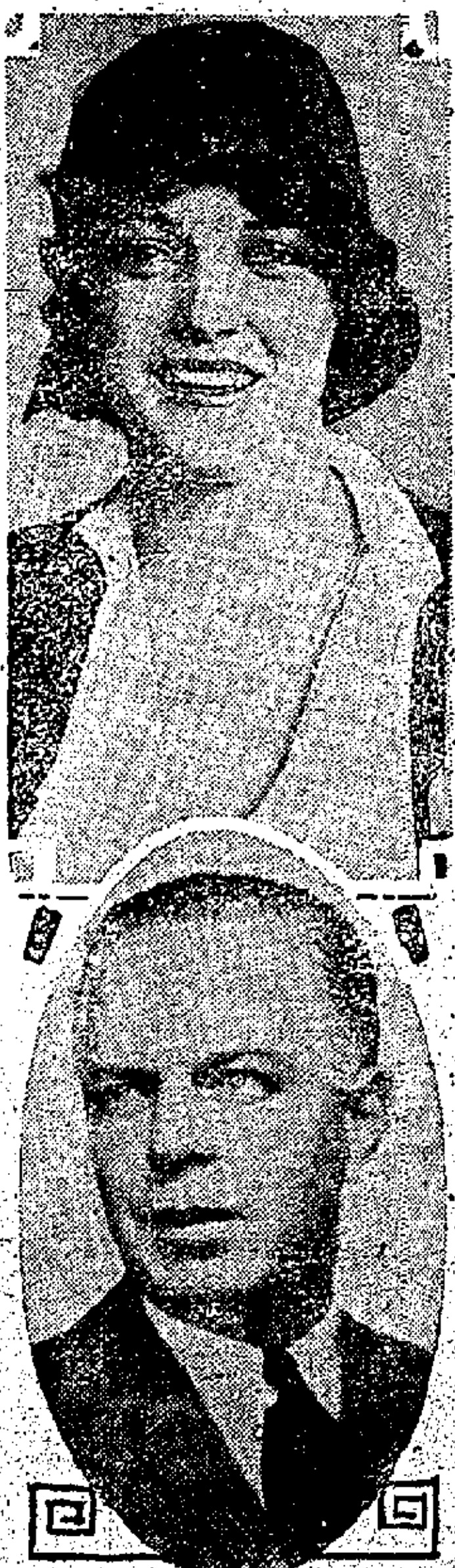
Wilbur B. Huston, of Seattle, won the Edison Contest in competition with youths from every State in the Union at the Edison plant, West Orange, N.J. Upon completing the college education he will receive, majoring in mechanical subjects, under Edison's guidance, he will be launched upon a career sponsored by the wizard of electricity, to see if he can be developed to succeed the inventor in carrying out some of the great work he has planned.

## Great Plane His Work



Possibly the greatest contribution to the advancement of aircraft is attributable to Dr. Dornier, above, designer and builder of the giant D.O.K. 100 passenger plane which is making aviation history in tests on Lake Constance, Italy. The fact that the plane is to be tried in a trans-Atlantic flight gives credit to the rumour that the regular cross ocean service may be inaugurated with the air monster.

## Another For Cupid



Film circles, where rumours start almost before the ones concerned know it, themselves, are saying that the wedding bells will soon peal for Ruth Elder, top, trans-Atlantic aviatrix, and Hoot Gibson, cowboy-flicker star. Mrs. Hoot Gibson, divorced wife of Hoot, has made known her intention to marry a wealthy Honolulu plantation owner.

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The service Machine Guns is available for firing as from Monday, September 2.

**Musketry**

The Battery and Corps Signals will fire Table T. Rifle at Stonecutters Range on Sunday. Range Officer: 2nd Lieut. J. H. Bottomley. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order i.e. Rifle, bayonet, belt, braces and pouches or bandolier. Uniform or multi optional. Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-morrow between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Corps Band**

The Band will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters to-morrow and Tuesday in multi for Band Practice.

**Aquatic Sports**

The Band will parade in uniform, caps, tunics, belts and cross belts, slacks and black boots at 8.45 p.m. at V.R.C. on Saturday.

**The Battery**

The attention of all ranks is directed to Order No. 2 Musketry. All who have not completed Table T. Rifle will attend. Dress: Bandolier, belt, rifle and bayonet.

Tuesday—Lecture at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
Friday, September 13—Gun Drill at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

**Corps Signals**

Parades at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, and Thursday, September 12, for Signal Training. Dress: Multi.

Musketry—Table T. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday. Uniform optional, but rifle and bayonet, belt and pouches must be taken.

For times of launches see Order No. 2.

**Mounted Infantry Company**

Thursday, September 12. All ranks will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi.

**Armoured Car Company**

Car Section—Monday Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run in Armoured Car.

Friday, September 13. Recruits parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for driving instruction.

Motor Cycle Section—Monday, September 9, all ranks will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5 p.m. and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range for Machine Gun Instruction.

**Machine Gun Company**

Tuesday, September 10. The Company will parade at full strength at 5.30 p.m. in multi at Headquarters for Machine Gun Training. No. 3 Platoon will proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range under 2/Lieut. J. F. Wright.

M.G. Pt. II Table T. M. G. The Company will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, September 15. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Pier 8.40 a.m. Range Officer 2/Lieut. D. M. Richards.

**Scottish Company**

Parades—Thursday, September 12. Demonstration and instruction in Machine Gun Table "T" (This practice will be fired by the Company at Stonecutters Range on September 22 and November 3. Full details will be published in next week's Order).

No. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters under Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. Geo. Duncan, M.B.E.

Musketry—Members of the Company who have yet to fire their Table "T" Rifle Practice will have a final opportunity of doing so at Talkoo Range on Sunday, September 8.

Dress—optional but rifle, bay-

onet, belt and pouches must be brought. The Ford Truck will leave Corps Headquarters at 8.45 a.m. for Talkoo Range. Firing will commence at 9.30 a.m.

Range Officer—Lieut. H. R. Forsyth. Rifles should be drawn from Corps Headquarters before noon on Saturday, September 7.

**Portuguese Company**  
Company Parade.—The Company Commander's Parade will be held to-day at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress Optional but all Clothing and Equipment must be brought on Parade.

The next Company Parade will be held on Friday, September 13, at 5.30 p.m.

Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons for Lewis Gun Training.

Dress: Optional, Belt.

Nos. 11 and 12 Platoons for Arms and Squad Drill.

Dress: Optional, Belt Rifle and Bayonet.

Recruits.—All Recruits will parade at Miniature Range for Musketry Instruction at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Optional, Belt, Rifle and Bayonet.

**Strength**  
The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1496 Pte. J. Forbes, No. 7 Platoon, as from 30.8.29.

No. 1497 Pte. J. R. M. Ferreira, No. 12 Platoon, as from 2.9.29.

**Resignation**  
The following have resigned from the Corps having left the Colony permanently:—

No. 1299 Pte. H. S. Berent, M. C. Section A5 from 4.9.29.

No. 1117 Pte. D. L. McLean, No. 5 Platoon as from 31.8.29.

**Transfers**  
No. 1601 Bugler C. S. Pile to No. 3 Platoon from Corps Headquarters as from 5.9.29.

No. 1363 Gnr. B. P. Massey to No. 1 Platoon from the Battery as from 5.9.29.

**Leave**  
Leave of absence from the Colony is granted as under:—

No. 1328 Pte. C. C. Francis from 2.8.29 to 2.9.29.

No. 1270 Pte. H. M. S. Omer from 2.8.29 to 1.10.29.

**Promotions**  
The following promotion in the Band will take effect as from 5.9.29:—

1175 Cpl. D. C. Baptista to be Band Sergeant.

1112 Cpl. J. L. Alves to be Band L/Sergeant.

1161 L/Cpl. H. A. Botelho to be Band Cpl.

1210 L/Cpl. A. F. Silva to be Band Cpl.

1237 B/man D. J. Fernandes to be Band L/Cpl.

1275 B/man C. Dragon to be Band L/Cpl.

R. A. Wolfe Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

**NOTICES**  
**Promenade Concert**  
Friday, September 13, at 9.15 p.m. on the Parade Ground at Volunteer Headquarters. By kind permission of Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O. and The Officers, The Band, 2nd Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers will play, assisted by the Corps Band. The Aloha Serenaders have also kindly consented to perform.

Tickets \$1 each are obtainable on cash payment from Canteen and Mess Boys at Volunteer Headquarters and from Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

**Aquatic Sports**  
The Annual Aquatic Sports will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club at 9 p.m. on Saturday, September 7.

Post entries will be accepted.

**TORCAT'S ROOSTERS**  
Children will be afforded a final opportunity of seeing Torcat's wonderful performing Roosters at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow when there will be a special matinee at 2.30 p.m.

Those who have not yet witnessed the performance would do well to do so, for they will undoubtedly be treated to a delightfully humorous exhibition by remarkably well trained roosters!

Mr. John Dobson, of Wood Close Farm, South Wingate, co. Durham, was rescued from a bull, which had tossed him three times, by a farm servant, who attracted the animal into another field.

## Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

By DOROTHY HERZOG

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Hollywood, July 25.

According to a story picked up on the Famous Players' lot, Joseph Von Sternberg is slated to trek to Berlin to direct Emil Jannings in a picture for Paramount release. Efforts to learn details were unsuccessful. But the very fact that Von Sternberg is to megaphone a Jannings flick is interesting.

In all likelihood it may have to do with the foreign motion picture situation. Foreign countries are wary of the onslaught of American production. For economic and business reasons, it appears when Jannings and his wife departed the U.S.A. they took their belongings with him. Looks as though Herr Emil will conclude his famous flick contract on home grounds. Von Sternberg, if you recollect, megaphoned him in one of his biggest reels, "The Last Command."

They do be saying Chester Conklin is high ready to call fims to his flick career. Chester has worked for a pretty long stretch and he has worked for good do-re-me. Now he's set to play and enjoy it. 'Tis said that



Chester Conklin

when his contractual option expires he moves his walrus moustache and the rest of his wardrobe from his Famous Players' dressing-room.

**The Franksters**

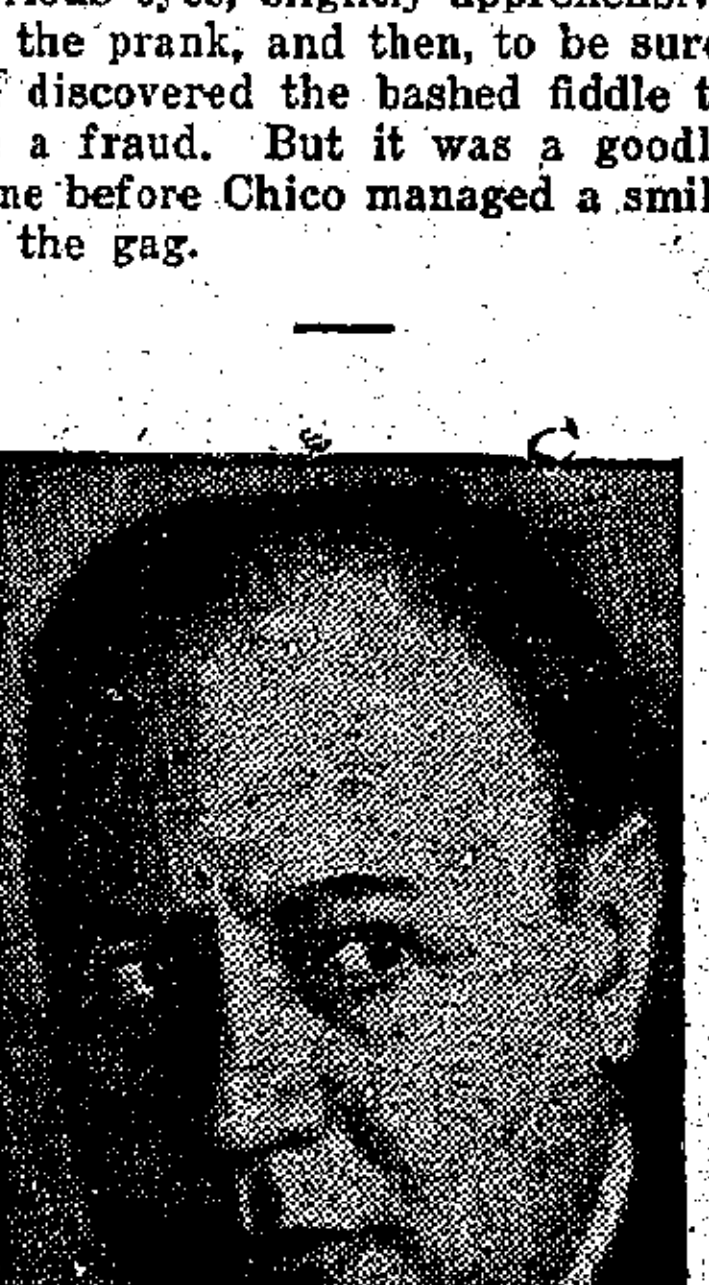
Chico is a violinist. He is known as a concert fiddler in Europe, but in Hollywood Chico fiddles for Universal at ten dollars an hour. As a result of conscientious saving he recently purchased a \$10,000 violin. He insured it for \$8,000.

Tother day on Reginald Denny's "No, No, Napoleon," set, Denny and Director William Craft framed against Chico.

When Chico is not playing his violin is placed in the case and covered with a cloth. Denny and Bill Craft, however, switched the coveted instrument and replaced it with a "prop" fiddle. Then Craft started to pick a fight with Denny.

Denny swung at Craft and Bill backed away. He backed to the open violin case. Chico rushed as them. But too late. Crash! Craft plotted upon the fiddle. Splintering wood and snapping strings. Chico froze. His face turned ashen. Dead silence. Slowly Chico crept to the battered violin.

All eyes focussed upon him. Serious eyes, slightly apprehensive of the prank, and then, to be sure, he discovered the hashed fiddle to be a fraud. But it was a goodly time before Chico managed a smile at the gag.



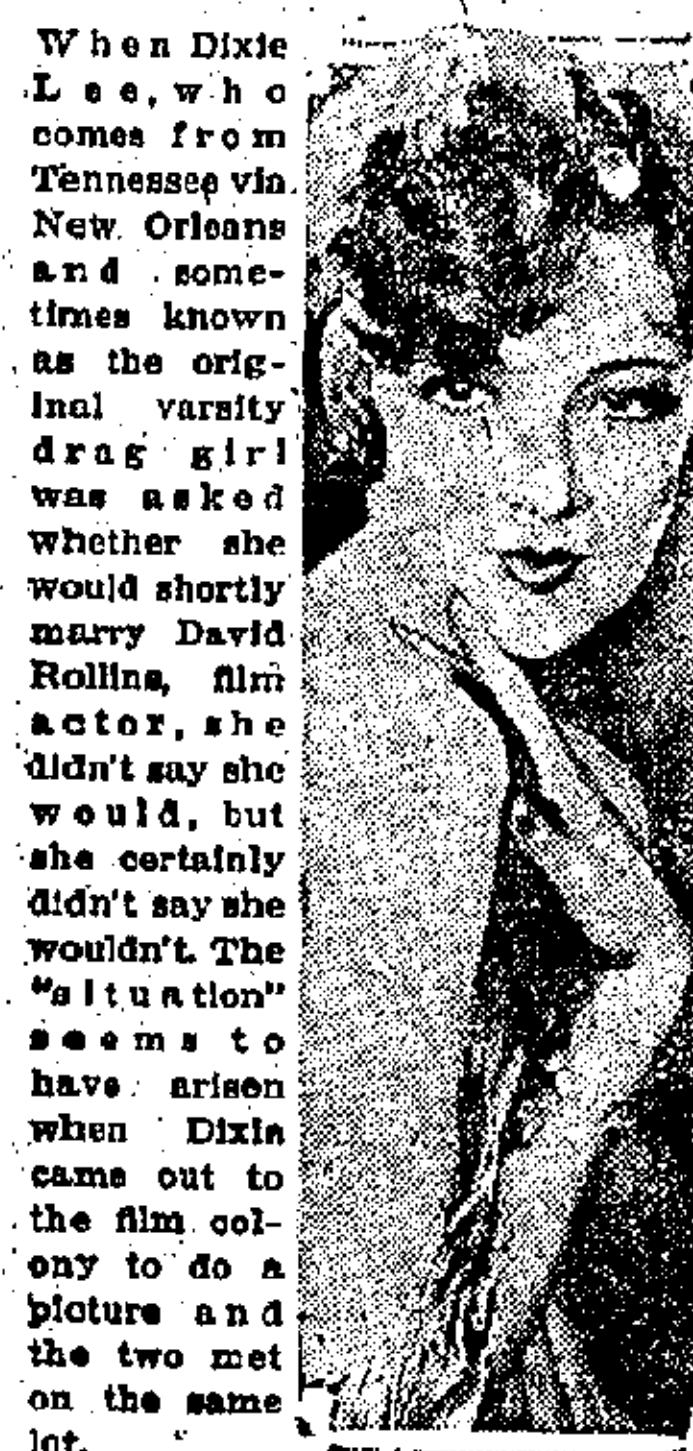
Lionel Barrymore

Barrymore's hair porcupines and his tie rides as it wills. At this penning he is putting Jack Gilbert, Katherine Dale Owen, Hedda Hopper and others through their paces in "Olympia." Seems in the flick Katherine has one of those warm, boudoir sessions with Jack. This was completed. Thereupon Miss Owen, before rehearsing her next scene, asked Mr. Barrymore: "What should my attitude be now?"

Lionel jerked his fingers through his hair and after due deliberation deduced: "Well, I would say your attitude should be relaxed. Decidedly relaxed!"

**Charlie Sales**

Virginia Sales' parents and an elderly couple from the small town whence Miss Sales hails, are visiting her in Hollywood. They accompanied her to a stock comedy starring her w. k. brother "Chic," who is known to his friends as Charlie. After the show Chic asked them what they thought of the picture. "Well, Charlie," drawled his elderly friend, "I thought it was pretty good, but a couple times there it was all I could do to keep from laughin'!"

**Reported Engaged**

DIXIE LEE

**Two Girls**

A motor-infested thoroughfare separates either half of Fox's Hollywood studio. There's a pedestrian lane marked in white paint across the street and cars are supposed to stop when one is crossing in this safety zone. But it's a gamble if they will.

A woman, attired in ill-fitting costume and wearing makeup, hesitated on the curb, desirous to cross the street, but fearful to attempt it. Car after car whizzed past. An extra girl joined her on the curb. She wore abbreviated Follies costume, much lip rouge and ditto sunburned powder. Without hesitation she started across the safety lane. Automobiles came to a grinding stop on either side. Appreciative eyes stared at the Follies beauty. The other girl, in ill-fitting costume, followed the pathfinder closely. An assistant director met them at the gates on the other side.

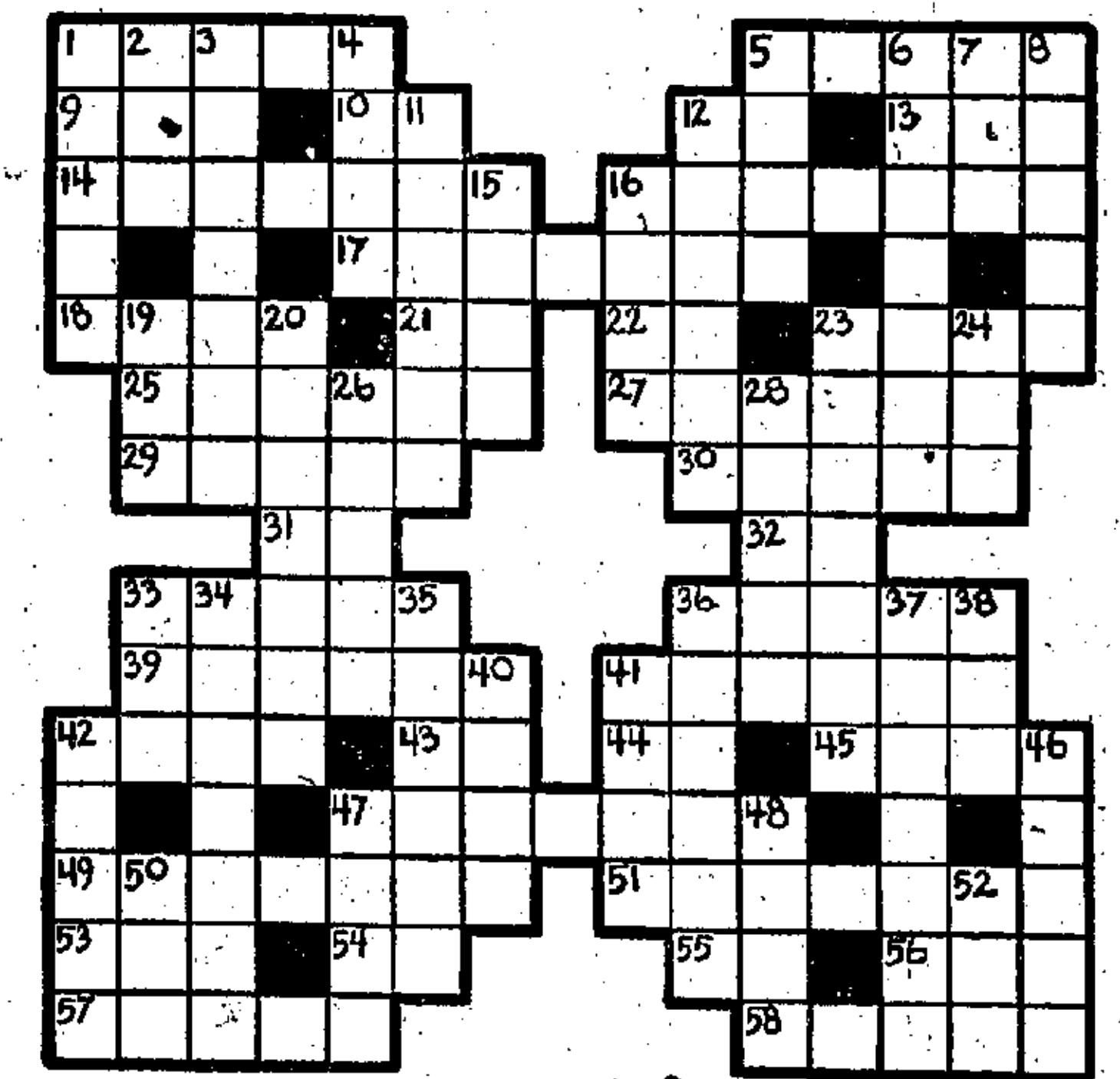
"About time you got here," he growled at the Follies beauty. Then, turning quickly, he addressed the other woman ingratiatingly: "Good afternoon, Miss Ulric." Get it???

**By Herself**

Clara Beranger is a scenarist. She's married to William De Mille, director. Miss Beranger's daughter Frances, aged eighteen, has arrived in Hollywood. She graduated recently from a dramatic school in New York. Both her mother and

**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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**HORIZONTAL**

- 1-Flower
- 5-Flavor
- 9-Hurried
- 10-Opera (abbr.)
- 12-Southern State (abbr.)
- 13-A Swiss river
- 14-A redbird or tobitank
- 16-Widely admired
- 17-The torrid zone
- 18-Dreadful
- 21-Behold!
- 22-A continent (abbr.)
- 23-A rock-material finer than gravel
- 25-A great English poet
- 27-Girl's name
- 29-A large Arctic bear
- 30-To excite
- 31-Exile
- 32-Short for Albert
- 33-To become void
- 36-A stalk or support
- 39-To classify
- 41-A country of Europe
- 42-Away (Scott.)
- 43-East Indies (abbr.)

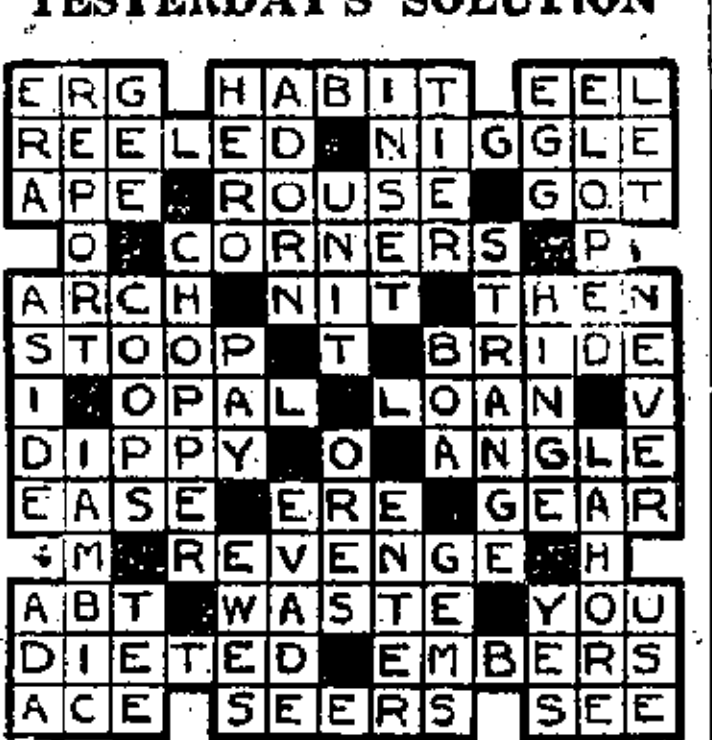
**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**

- 44-N. Central state of the U. S. (abbr.)
- 45-Makes an addition to
- 47-A choir of eight voices
- 49-Frequented places
- 51-Gives forth a shrill sound
- 53-A Mohammedan proper name
- 54-Like
- 55-A musical note
- 56-Greek goddess of the dawn
- 57-One who lays bricks
- 58-Nauseous

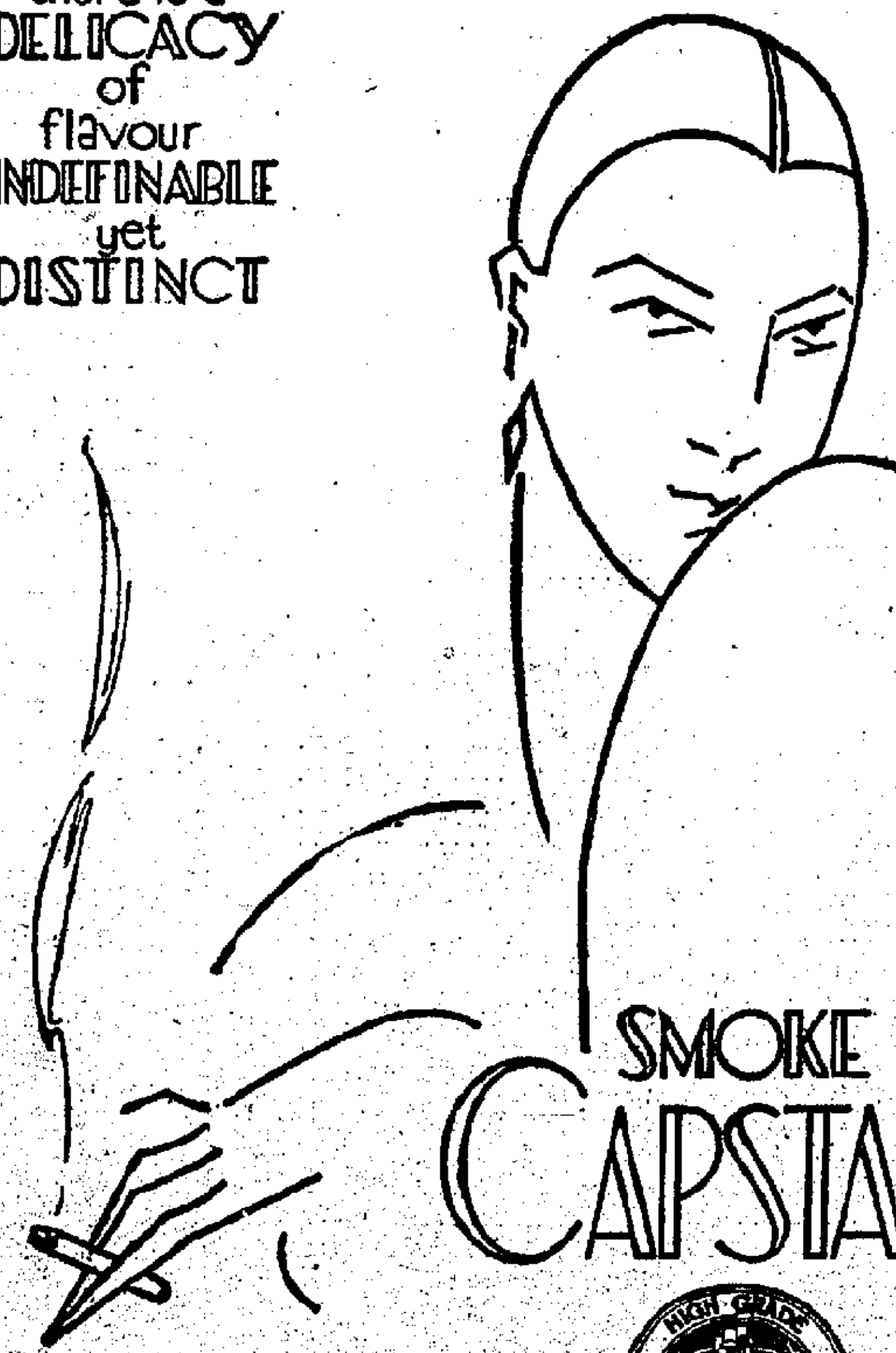
**VERTICAL (Cont.)**

- 11-Drawing-room
- 12-Locality
- 15-Twelve o'clock
- 16-A tree
- 18-Little devil
- 20-An oval
- 23-An order of insects
- 24-Born
- 26-A great Italian poet
- 28-Winged
- 33-To loiter
- 34-State of being free from germs
- 35-Raise
- 36-Rows of cut grass
- 38-To close
- 40-Small bird (pl.)
- 41-Rests
- 42-Abraham's other name
- 46-Name given an effeminate boy
- 47-A asaper, N. W. Algeria
- 48-Ireland (poet)
- 50-Highest note of Guido's scale
- 52-Fate

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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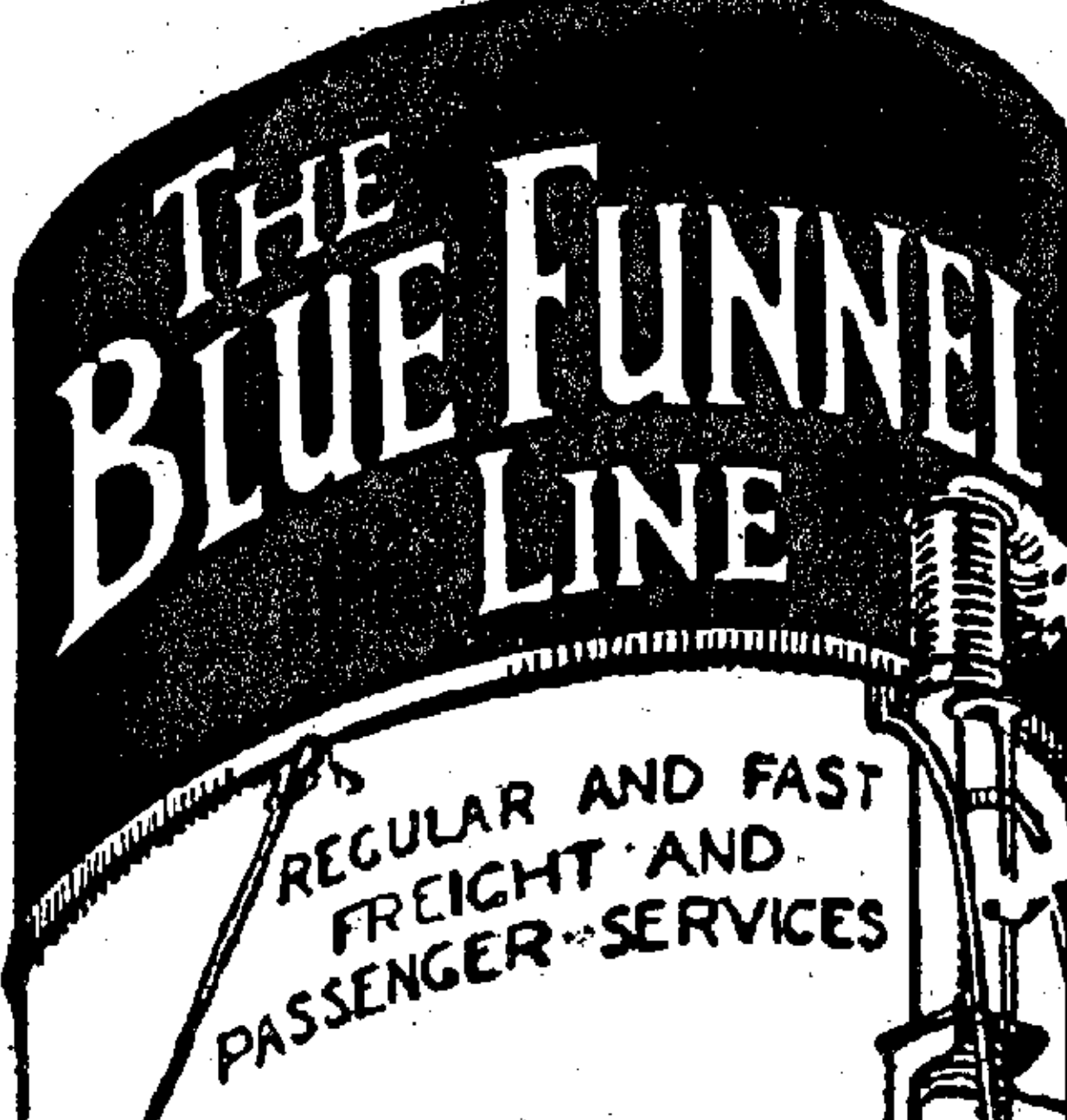
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An Airmail for London will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 6th September and fortnightly thereafter during the discontinuance of the Siberian route. A saving of six days in transit is usually effected (as against the Marseilles route) but no guarantee can be given that connections will be made. Letters must be posted over the counter of the General Post Office and must be superscribed "Air-mail" and fully prepaid at the rate of 20 cents per half ounce in addition to the usual postage for letters. No insurance will be available but letters may be registered.

## INWARD MAILS.

| From                                                              | Per                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.                                              |                    |
| Japan                                                             | Hawaii Maru        |
| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.                                            |                    |
| Shanghai and Swatow                                               | Sunning            |
| U.S.A. (San Francisco, 9th August), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai  | President Garfield |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.                                              |                    |
| Europe via Negapatam (Letters & Papers, London, 8th Aug.)         | Kutsang            |
| Manila                                                            | President Jackson  |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.                                              |                    |
| U.S.A. (San Francisco, 16th August), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai | President Taft     |
| Australia and Manila                                              | St. Albans         |
| London (Parcels only, Aug. 1) & Straits, Asphalion                |                    |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.                                            |                    |
| Australia and Manila                                              | Tai Ping           |
| Saigon                                                            | Angus              |
| Japan and Shanghai                                                | D'Artagnan         |

## OUTWARD MAILS.

| For                                                                                    | Per                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.                                                                   |                                 |
| Swatow, Amoy and Poochow                                                               | Hai Ching 4 p.m.                |
| Sam Shui and Wuchow                                                                    | Kwong Ying 4 p.m.               |
| Hoihow and Haiphong                                                                    | New Mathilde 5 p.m.             |
| Formosa                                                                                | Takao Maru 5 p.m.               |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles |                                 |
| K.P.O.                                                                                 |                                 |
| Registration Sept. 6, 4.30 p.m.                                                        | Registration Sept. 7, 8.45 a.m. |
| Letters Sept. 7, 9 a.m.                                                                | Letters Sept. 7, 9.30 a.m.      |
| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.                                                                 |                                 |
| Saigon and South Africa                                                                | Hawaii Maru 8.30 a.m.           |
| Batavia                                                                                | Tjikarang 10.30 a.m.            |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Chinhua 10.30 a.m.              |
| Port Bayard                                                                            | Tai Poo Sek 1.30 p.m.           |
| Amoy                                                                                   | Anking 5 p.m.                   |
| Manila                                                                                 | President Garfield 5 p.m.       |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.                                                                   |                                 |
| Hoihow                                                                                 | Kwangtung 8.30 a.m.             |
| Bangkok via Swatow                                                                     | Kwangchow 9 a.m.                |
| Amoy                                                                                   | Luchow 9 a.m.                   |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa                                                               | Hozan Maru 9 a.m.               |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.                                                                   |                                 |
| Shanghai                                                                               | Shidzuoka Maru 8.30 a.m.        |
| Rabaul                                                                                 | Bremerhaven 2.30 p.m.           |
| Shanghai                                                                               | President Jackson               |
|                                                                                        | Registration Sept. 9, 5 p.m.    |
|                                                                                        | Letters Sept. 9, 6 p.m.         |

Superscribed correspondence only.

## THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

### PEACE ISSUES

#### FRANCE TO SIGN OPTIONAL CLAUSE

##### BRIAND'S ENTHUSIASM

London, Yesterday.  
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald leaves Geneva to-night, and reaches Paris to-morrow. It is expected that the British Premier will fly from Le Bourget to London.

Speaking to-day at a luncheon given by journalists attending the meeting of the League in honour of the members of the League Council, Mr. MacDonald referred to the naval negotiations between Great Britain and the United States. He said, "We have our difficulties of course. We have things of the most complicated character to settle, but the will of the people is all-powerful, and in the end must have the last word where grave issues of peace are being determined by sincere statesmen."—British Wireless Service.

##### EARLIER CABLES

##### The Cruiser Question

Washington, Yesterday.

It is learned on the conclusion of Mr. Hoover's conference with naval experts and others at the White House, that Mr. Hoover is still hopeful of an understanding being reached under which it will be necessary for the United States to construct all fifteen cruisers called for in the present naval programme. This shows that Mr. Hale was speaking solely for himself.

[A Washington message of September 3 stated.—After a conference with President Hoover at White House to-day, Mr. Frederick Hale, the chairman of the Senate Naval Committee predicted that all the fifteen 10,000-ton cruisers authorised by Congress would be constructed.

He said that the President believed that course to be necessary regardless of what Anglo-American agreement was reached.]

##### The Premier's Secretary

New York, Yesterday.

Sir Robert Vansittart, Mr. MacDonald's principal private secretary, has arrived, and sees Mr. Stimson to-day.—Reuter's American Service.

##### League's Moral Force

Geneva, Yesterday.

In a speech in the Assembly, M. Briand said he was sure the disarmament negotiations would succeed as soon as an Anglo-American naval agreement was concluded, therefore he was sure the work of the preparatory committee on disarmament would lead to an agreement, and that an agreement would be reached between the naval Powers.

"War has been taken by the throat and pilloried," said M. Briand in the course of his speech, which the Assembly, standing up, ovated. He began by saying that the League's moral force was incomparable, but in applying that

## M. CLEMENCEAU ILL

### BUT NO REASON FOR ALARM

#### "FEELING UNWELL"

Les Sables d'Olonne, France, Yesterday.

M. Clemenceau, who was feeling unwell on Tuesday, was examined by a physician this morning. He made a short tour in his motor car this afternoon and received some friends. It may be assumed that there is no reason for alarm, as M. Clemenceau is still fit and continues to dictate his memoirs.—Havas.

| Degrees                        |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day   | 79 |
| Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday | 83 |
| Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day      | 91 |
| Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday    | 79 |

#### FALL FROM VERANDAH

A Chinese named Tan Ying-ching (20), living on the second floor of No. 245, Queen's-road West, was yesterday afternoon removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from severe injuries received through accidentally falling from the verandah. His condition is critical.

force it could not evade difficulties without damaging its prestige.

The Kellogg Pact was part of the League, but a gap remained to be filled.

He then expressed confidence in an agreement, and concluded by tributing the Hague conference as a new contribution to peace, establishing an atmosphere of confidence which facilitated a settlement of other problems.

##### The Optional Clause

After half an hour of platitudes on the League's work M. Briand electrified his hearers by warmly welcoming the Anglo-American naval conversations. He said if such an agreement was possible, which they hoped, the preparatory commission would be able to convene a disarmament conference at an early date.

He emphasised that a solution of the disarmament question must be political, and not merely practical.

Referring to the optional clause, he said Mr. MacDonald's announcement was a very great event. France had already signed the clause, with reservations having reference to something which might be regarded as having expired, and therefore France will not let this assembly conclude without renewing her signature.

He concluded with an eloquent appeal to the League to see that the younger generation was not subjected to the poisonous influences of war, and especially urged the women of the world to take up the matter.

##### France's Signature

Geneva, Later.

In the League Assembly, M. Briand announced that France would sign the optional clause.—Reuter.

## VIGOROUS ACTION IN PALESTINE

### ARABS REPULSED

#### TWENTY-SIX CASUALTIES EAST OF MOUNT TABOR

##### RAIDERS ROUTED

London, Yesterday.

The Colonial Office announces that successful action was taken against a party of raiding Arabs on the evening of September 3 at El Mesha, a village to the east of Mount Tabor. Twenty-six casualties were inflicted on the raiders, and one soldier was slightly injured.

The French authorities at Syria have posted detachments in Palestine on the frontier north of Safed in order to prevent the incursion of Arabs from our territory.

The situation remained generally quiet on Wednesday, but aircraft continue systematically to patrol the whole country.—Reuter.

#### BAR ON BANDITS

##### "SUPPRESSION CONFERENCE" IN NOVEMBER

##### A JOB FOR THE TROOPS

Canton, Yesterday.

After the re-organisation and disbandment of the Kwangtung military forces, which will be completed by the end of this month, the province will enter from the military to the tutelage period, and reconstruction and bandit suppression will be proceeded without delay. Of the two matters, the suppression of bandits is considered the more important.

As soon as the troops have been re-organised, they will be sent to different districts of the province for the purpose of bandit suppression.

It is learned that a Bandit Suppression Conference will be held in November, at which all high military officials will take part.—Canton News Agency.

#### A VITAL QUESTION

##### BISHOP'S PLEA FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

##### DIOCESAN SYNOD

The eighth meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui, in the diocese of Victoria, Hong Kong, is being held this week in Hong Kong at the Cathedral Hall, from Thursday to Saturday. About 40 delegates are attending the Synod. In his presidential address, the Bishop said:—

"As I think of the hopes with which I set out in 1920 and of what has been accomplished, I realise how many of them have remained unfulfilled. Nine years ago I hoped the number of our Chinese clergy would have been doubled by this time and that we should have on our roll at least twenty with a stronger and ever stronger type of man offering for this work. We have in fact to-day only 11 Chinese clergy of whom two are working outside the diocese. Nine years ago I hoped that we should by this time have been able to open up at least one new station—if anything, we have had to draw in our hands. Nine years ago I hoped that our staff would have been so strengthened that we should have had working from the centre a group of specialised workers—one to take the lead as diocesan missionary, another as educational expert and so on. In fact, our ranks have not been augmented, rather gaps have been left unfilled. Nine years ago I hoped that we should have been in a position to subdivide the diocese. In all these matters achievement has fallen short of hope, let us try fairly to appraise the work of these past years."

The second subject I wish to refer to is that of unity among Christians. Once in ten years all Bishops of the Anglican Communion throughout the world who are able to do so meet in conference. The meeting next year will last from July 7 to August 9. For myself, I believe that the most vital question which will be considered is that of Christian unity. The question of the re-union of Christendom is a very large one. We must work at the problem locally with all our powers, but we must remember that all local schemes of unity must be considered in relation to the question as a whole otherwise they will imperil the very cause they are intended to advance. I want to ask your continual prayers for the Lambeth Conference of next year and especially that it may have the gift of divine wisdom in its consideration of this far-reaching question of unity."

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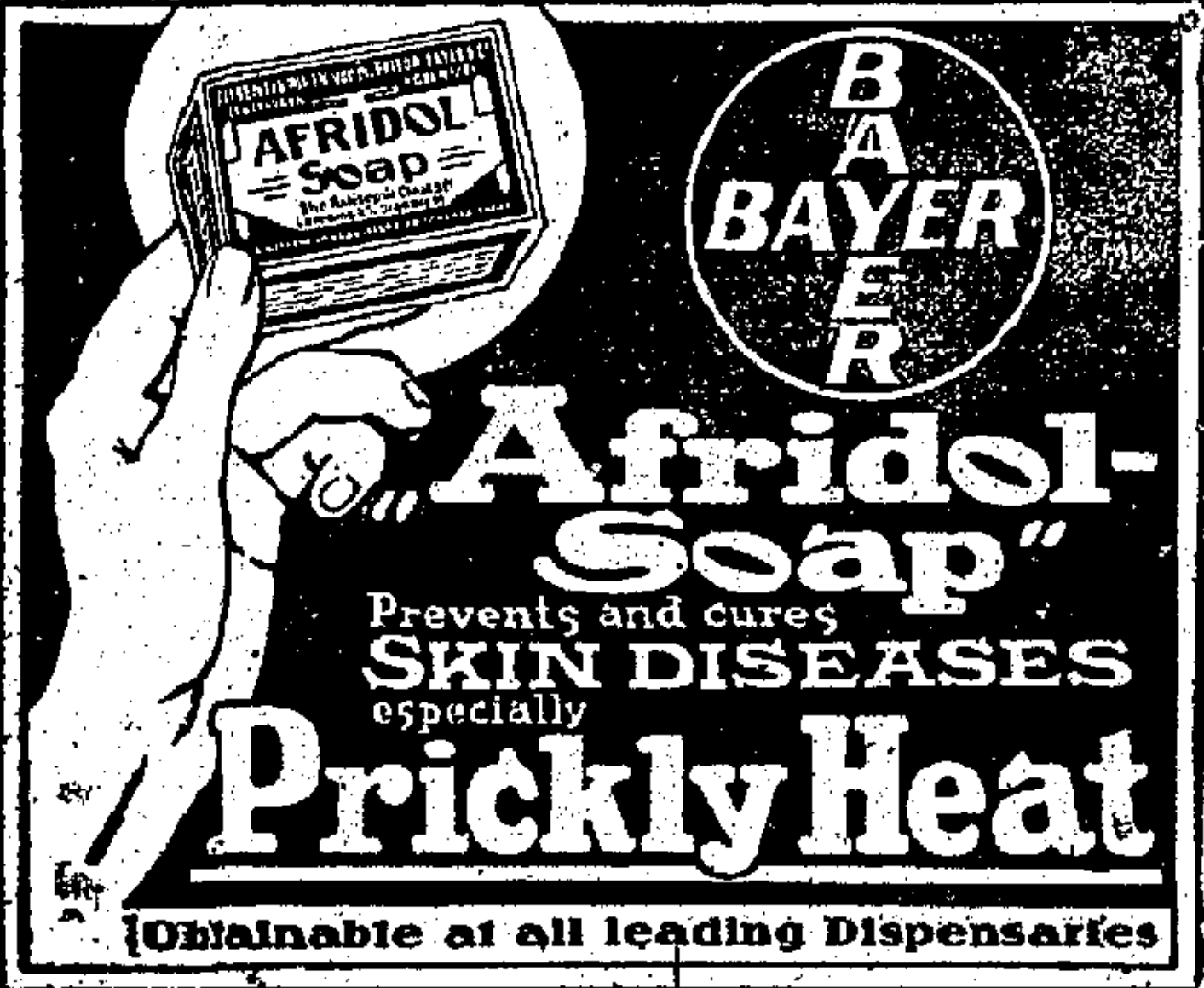
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